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REFORM MOVEMENT IN K.M.T.

Attempt To Oust C.C. Clique In Nanking

Permanents Verboten

Girls with permanent waves and polished finger-nails will be barred from all schools under the jurisdiction of the Canton Municipality, it was reported from Canton yesterday.

Quoting official sources, the report said that headmistresses of all girls' schools have been instructed by the Municipal Education Department to refuse registration of any girl student displaying artificially waved hair and painted finger-nails.

BRITISH— AND TO STAY SO

London, June 3.

As British Honduras was British territory inhabited by British subjects, the British Government could not consider its surrender against the wishes of its inhabitants on any other basis than that they had no legal right to it, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, told Parliament today.

In this case, he added, the wishes of the inhabitants were quite clear. The constitutionally-elected representatives of the people of British Honduras had spontaneously placed on record, on March 16, by means of a resolution carried unanimously in the colony's Legislative Council, their "unalterable wish that their national status as loyal British subjects and the position of their country as a component part of the British Commonwealth shall remain unchanged."

Similar resolutions of loyalty, he said, had also been passed at public meetings in various parts of the country.

The Foreign Secretary was answering a question asking what the Government's policy was towards a solution of the territorial dispute with Guatemala concerning British Honduras.—Reuter.

DANGER OVER

Tokyo, June 3.
In a nationwide broadcast to the Japanese people, Prime Minister Nobuo Arita said that Japan's national economy had passed the danger point and was now about to enter a long-range recovery period.

The Prime Minister warned, however, that the road would be long and difficult, as indicated by Japan's national budget and the continued shortage of raw materials, and called upon the people to fulfill their tax obligations in order to achieve this goal.—Reuter.

HK OBJECTIONS TO JAPAN TRADE

The proposed inauguration of a representative body to assume charge of the current local movement against American production of Japanese industries has been postponed, the "China Mail" learns.

Scheduled for June 12, the inaugural meeting has been put off pending conclusion of procedural formalities between the Organising Committee and the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs. The movement is sponsored by six Chinese manufacturers' associations including the parent "Chinese Manufacturers' Union, Hong Kong."

All Chinese cultural, social and commercial organisations have been invited to participate. The plan is to co-ordinate the local movement with similar agitation in China, Indo-China, Siam, Malaya, the East Indies, Burma and India.

The "China Mail" learns that a manifesto is being prepared by the Organising Committee for approval by the inaugural conference.

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Austria Skilled Out.
O.K. Result.

CHIANG REACTION PROBLEMATIC

Nanking, June 3.

A supreme effort to reform the Kuomintang and oust the CC clique from its 20-year domination of the party in a movement which, backers say, will be the greatest test of President Chiang Kai-shek's leadership, is being planned here.

A high Kuomintang source told the United Press that the Whompoa clique and members of the San Min Chul Youth Corps, which unsuccessfully sought to defeat Chen Li-fu as Vice-President of the Legislative Yuan, will spearhead the movement.

Leaders predict it "will mark the eruption of the growing reform movement inside the party with reform, democracy and progress as its political slogan."

The source said the movement will be "unprecedented in magnitude" and expressed the opinion that the outcome will decide the destiny of the Kuomintang.

Opinion differs among Kuomintang members interviewed by the United Press on whether the Generalissimo will support or oppose the movement.

One school maintains that the Generalissimo, being a wise leader, will be able to grasp the realities of the situation, sense the new tendencies and support the programme.

The other school doubts if the Generalissimo will declare against the CC clique leaders who have served him loyally in the past 20 years. They pointed to previous reform features due to the clique's objections which could not have succeeded without the Generalissimo's blessing.

The reform group is agitating for an early meeting of the Executive Committee which originally was scheduled for last month but was delayed.

Three Goals

Fan Yuh-siu, member of the Central and Executive Committees and the Standing Committee and one of the most ardent reform leaders, said the main goals are:

- (1) overthrow of the minority controlling party;
- (2) make the party machinery democratic; and

once after which it will be forwarded to General MacArthur's headquarters in Japan and to the governments of China, the United States, Great Britain, and the United Nations Secretariat.

Copies of the manifesto are also to be sent to organised Chinese bodies abroad.

In P.I.
Manila, June 3.
A series of public hearings will be held next week by the Philippine Department of Commerce to air public opinion on resumption of trade with Japan.

The Philippine Government policy will be influenced by the findings of a three-man committee named by Secretary of Commerce Placido Mapa to conduct the hearings on the official views of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce, Association of Small Shop Owners and Industrialists, the Philippine Brokerage Association, National Bank, Directors of the Government's National Development Company and the Rehabilitation Finance Company.

An association of former Filipino civilians imprisoned by the Japanese also plans to be represented. Prevailing public opinion thus far has been strongly anti-Japanese although a small amount of trading with the mainland enemy has been conducted by the Government.—Associated Press.

Pontiff's World Broadcast

Rome, June 2.

Pope Pius XII told the world in a broadcast today that last night's announcement of a Palestine truce, though only provisional, "must be greeted with a sigh of relief as a dawn of hope."

He was replying to an address from the College of Cardinals on the occasion of his "Name Day" and announced that 1950 would be a Holy Year.

The Pope devoted a large part of his broadcast to Palestine, declaring that it was "the profound consternation" of all Christians that war had broken out in the very place where for almost 2,000 years the Divine message of peace was resounded.

"We hope the danger of destruction of the Holy Sepulchre and other holy places by bombardment may be avoided," he said.

"How can the blood of men continue running in torrents if the Blood of the Lord ran to give to all men to the redemption of salvation?"

"How could the Christian world look on indifferently or with helpless indignation if the sacred soil which everybody approached with the deepest respect is still trodden by warring troops and hit by air bombardments?"

Expressing approval of the recent United Nations conference at the Hague, he said that the Church had thought it "opportune to nominate a special representative" to "bring encouragement to the well-being of the people."

Social questions could only be settled satisfactorily on grounds of Christian principles.

"The road to reform is not one of violent overthrow but of using experience gained. The more we contemplate the possibility of a world calamity the more we seek that faith in the Catholic Church, which represents the only possibility of unity for the world."—Reuter.

It was officially announced that 44 people, alleged to be members of the "Communist Party Vigilant Committee," were arrested today by the Athens police. They were said to be leaders of the "Party Police" and will be tried by a military court shortly.—Reuter.

Submarine Story Conflict

Washington, June 3.
Representative Hugh D. Scott, Jr., Pennsylvania Republican, told the House of Representatives that a U.S. Air Force plane recently depth bombed the American submarine Carp. He said 50 sailors were hospitalized.

"And that was one of the incidents of the so-called Russian submarine scare two months ago," Scott declared.

The Navy, however, denied that the Carp had been depth bombed. Pacific Fleet Headquarters in Honolulu said today that the Carp entered the Naval shipyards near San Francisco on April 12 for a "routine overhaul" and is due out on July 20.

There was no other comment here on Scott's statement. (This was confirmed by the Navy in San Francisco. Navy Headquarters in San Diego said it knew nothing of a submarine being bombed off San Diego).—Associated Press.

SOVIETS SEIZE AMERICAN

Berlin, June 3.

Dr. Harry L. Franklin, American Military Government official, was seized last night by the Russians in their sector of Berlin. United States authorities said it was a "plain case of kidnapping."

Franklin, deputy chief of the Civil Administration and Political Affairs Branch of the American Military Government for Berlin, was arrested by a Soviet patrol as he left a photographer's shop in downtown Berlin about 8 p.m.

He was released this morning, after intervention by United States authorities with high Soviet officials.—Associated Press.

SEARCH FOR EX-W.A.A.F.

A search is going on in the British Chaplain-General's Office in London for ex-W.A.A.F. Miss Estelle Jeffery, who met a former G.I. in a Norfolk servicemen's canteen during the war.

The call was made from New York from a sister of a Harry Trickett, seriously ill in a New York hospital and is continually calling for Miss Jeffery.—Reuter.

HUSH-HUSH AT S.C.A.P.

Tokyo, June 3.
General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters today refused to disclose to Allied correspondents a list of Japanese who had been permitted to travel abroad, where such persons were going or what the business was.

Col. M. P. Echols, S.C.A.P.'s Chief Public Relations Officer, told correspondents the list was restricted and that he doubted it would ever be fully released.—Reuter.

GANG TRUCE AT STANLEY PRISON

Rival factions—Cantonese and Hoklos (Swatow natives)—in Stanley Prison have called a truce which the prison authorities hope will be permanent.

In the past year, the rival gangs became involved in several clashes in which crudely-made iron bars and daggers, secretly produced in the prison itself by the inmates, were freely used. Several prisoners were seriously injured in the fights.

Repeated warnings and stricter surveillance reduced the frequency of the clashes, but it was not until after personal talks between the prisoners and representatives of the Prison including Mr. Shillingford, Commissioner of Prisons, that the desired results became apparent.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

A War On Paper



Monty runs over a point of strategy with visiting American, Lt. Gen. Gillell during "Exercice Bamboo"—a war on paper covering Commonwealth defence at Camberley. In the background is General Ekinke, freshly arrived in United Kingdom from Hong Kong. (A.P. Photo)

Australia May Scrap Agreement

Canberra, June 3.

Australia may scrap her present bilateral trade agreement with Japan for a wider arrangement aimed at a more balanced trade between Japan and the whole sterling area, Prime Minister J. B. Chifley said today.

He said a plan by which all payments would be made in sterling, effective May 31, had been completed between the British Government and the Allied Supreme Command in Japan.

The new arrangement supplants an interim arrangement agreed upon last September by Japan and all members of the sterling area who wanted to participate. It covers all Government and private transactions, Prime Minister Chifley said.

For the present, however, trade in cotton textiles is excluded from the agreement. In Japan, S.C.A.P. has reserved the right to require dollar payments for cotton textiles, at least in part, because raw cotton from which textiles are manufactured might have to be supplied from the United States under different credit arrangements.—Associated Press.

Mr. Shillingford told the "China Mail" yesterday that the ringleaders of the opposing factions were given severe punishment. This was recalled during the talks with the prisoners. The futility of fighting over insignificant matters was also pointed out to them.

These talks, coupled with the fear of corporal punishment, he added, resulted in not an incident between April 6 and May 16 last. The only clash—a minor one—which occurred in the last two months was in the latter part of May.

In the series of chats, the leaders of the rival factions agreed to "bury the hatchet."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP DISPUTE APPLICATION FOR AN INJUNCTION

This is a case concerned with the internal management of the Chamber, and not one in which the plaintiffs, as individual members of the Chamber, suffered any personal injury. If there were any wrong done, it was wrong done to the Chamber and the Chamber alone could be the plaintiff.

This submission was made by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada K.C., in opening for the defence, in the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce dispute, heard before the Paine Judge, Mr. Justice T. J. Gould, yesterday.

Plaintiffs are Messrs. Lui Yamsuen, Hsu Chi-lung, Lam Hau-tak, Tsai Ching-yun, Chiu Yui-wah, Yung Sai-fong and Chu Sai-cheung, seven prominent members of the Chamber, who sought an injunction (b) to restrain the Chamber from electing members of the Committee and Supervisory Committee in contravention of clause 32 of the Chamber's Articles of Association, and (b) to restrain any person or persons so elected as members of such committees to act in that capacity.

A further application was made by plaintiffs in the afternoon for a declaration by the Court that the Chamber, defendants in the action, should not have postponed consideration of applications from proposed new members until after the election for the new general committee.

An application was made to the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, by plaintiffs for an interim injunction on counts (a) and (b), but was dismissed by the Court.

A formidable array of counsel on both sides took part in the proceedings, with piles of law books on the table, from which counsel quoted extensively in support of their arguments.

Plaintiffs were represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon K.C., Mr. B. A. Bernacki and Mr. D. A. Wright (instructed by Mr. P. L. Lam), and the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada K.C. and Mr. A. J. Gilford, instructed by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo C. B. E., acted as the Chamber's legal protagonists.

Not The First
Mr. Sheldon, for the plaintiffs, said the dispute revolved around the election of new members to the Chamber. In October 1947 some 3,000 applicants for membership were received. A committee was appointed to examine their qualifications and in February this year 2,977 were duly elected. A large number of the

new members were admitted under the wing of a certain Mr. Ko Cheuk-hung.

In March 1943 plaintiffs and their friends introduced more persons for membership with the object of balancing the influence gained by Mr. Ko Cheuk-hung, who would presumably support Ko in any dispute which might arise. However, despite efforts by plaintiffs and their friends they failed to get the new applicants elected before the meeting on May 19.

The Chamber therefore found itself in the unhappy position of having two opposing parties, one of which had succeeded in getting 2,977 members elected, and the other failing to get in a single new member to strengthen their party.

Mr. Sheldon pointed out this was not the first dispute within the Chamber. There had been the case of the 21 guilds which was now defunct, and later the Chinese Manufacturers' Union which is still in existence.

Plaintiffs' leading counsel then read from affidavits of Messrs. Lui Yamsuen and Hsu Chi-lung in support of their application for the injunction, and of Messrs. Tung Chung-wei and Kwok Chan, Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the Chamber, in reply.

By reason of clause 32 of the Chamber's articles of association, submitted Mr. Sheldon, the election of May 19 could not be a matter of law but held unless the article was amended or altered, which could be done by special resolution of the Chamber. The clause stipulated that the meeting to elect officers should not be held later than April.

The Court was then addressed by Mr. Bernacki, who after quoting several authorities in support of senior counsel, submitted that the injunction should be granted for the further reason that it was unjust to take steps, even if legally correct, to block a body of potential members from election simply because their vote would effect the result thereof. It was doubly unjust if the steps taken were incorrect.

Mr. d'Almada said if bad faith and deliberateness of intent was implied, the plaintiffs would have to adduce proof.

Members' Walk-Out
Mr. Bernacki then read from affidavits stressing the parts dealing with postponement of election of the applicants for membership. He submitted that under the articles of association the committee had no power to postpone such consideration; either an application was refused outright or approved.

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Japan Trade Agreement

Tokyo, June 3.

Welcoming the new overall arrangement between Japan and the sterling area countries, the Commerce and Industry Minister, Mr. Chozaburo Mizutani, declared today that the Government would do its utmost to increase Japan's trade with the sterling area through the efficient supply of materials and banking measures, and the promotion of industrial efficiency.

Mr. Mizutani said that the expansion of Japan's export trade depended largely on the extension of her trade with the sterling area and that a lack of such an agreement on the settlement of payment had in the past been a hindrance.—Reuter.

ISRAEL LAUNCHES OFFENSIVE

Tel-Aviv, June 3.

Israeli front dispatches today reported that Jewish forces have launched a major attack against the Arab strongholds at Jenin and Tul-karm in Central Palestine and have reached within one to three miles of both cities.

One Jewish force striking out of Jezreel Valley across the plains of Armageddon, southeast of Jaffa, has driven to within one mile of Jenin.

Israeli troops have captured Buq Height on the Kfar Yonit-Tulkarm Road and are within three miles of the Arab stronghold. Large Arab troop concentrations were driven out of the nearby Nabulus orange groves.

Arabs reports last week said Israeli troops from Tul-karm drove eastward to the sea, cutting Israel Sea in two.

The latest report from the Israeli forces claimed their artillery are shelling Kfar Yona, six miles east of Tul-karm.

Front despatches said the Jewish attack was made with the use of artillery put into the field for the first time by the Jews.

Jewish reports said their offensive operations were resumed on other fronts after a brief interruption when Jews prematurely observed the ceasefire at 3 a.m. on Wednesday.—United Press.

Bucharest, June 2.

Rumania and Hungary today ratified the Rumanian-Hungarian treaty of friendship, mutual assistance and cooperation.—Associated Press.

COURT WARNS ON ELECTRIC FANS

Returning a verdict of "Death by misadventure," Coroner W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday warned those dealing in, and in possession of, old electrical appliances to have them tested before use.

The verdict was returned at the conclusion of an inquiry into the death of 85-year-old Ng Kwan-yeo who died of an electric shock at 9.30 a.m. on May 3 at 940, Canton Road. Det. Sub-Inspector E. G. Baker appeared for the Police.

Ng Chak, foki of an engineering shop occupying the ground floor of 940 Canton Road, said he saw Ng Kwan-yeo lifting an electric table fan from the floor with both hands with a view to moving it to his position alighty.

Immediately Kwan-yeo took the fan in his hands he tripped out and fell to the ground. When witness rushed up he was already dead.

Mr. A. F. May, Inspector in the Electrical Department, P.W.D., said he was called to the premises at 3 p.m. on May 3. He found a table fan with cord and a two-pin plug attached. He also found an iron plate on the ground, which made a perfect earth.

Testing the fan, said witness, he found the wiring defective. Any person touching the framework when it was connected with the electrical installation and especially when standing on the iron plate, would suffer a shock which might prove fatal.

Dr. R. H. Alvarez, after testifying, said the cause of death was

The Weather

An extensive but fairly weak anti-cyclone covers Mongolia, North Central China and the Eastern Sea. The deep depression now centred about 200 miles W. of Tokyo continues to move away to the NE and its associated trough extends to the south of Formosa to Hainan, to the shallow depression centred over Tongking.

A deep southwesterly air stream covers the South China Sea and the Philippines.

Today's Forecast—Moderate E winds. Fair.

Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum: 84.4 deg. F.
Minimum: 71.9 deg. F.
Sunshine: 6.5 hours.

Localities: Nil. Total since Jan. 1: 45.9 mm.—1.44 in. (average of 50.8 mm.—2.07 in.)
Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Bar. at sea level: 1004.8 1004.8 m.b.
Equivalents: 29.77 29.84 inches.
Rel. Humidity: 70 70 %
Dew Point: 70 70 deg. F.
Wind Direction: 10 10 mph.
Wind Force: 4 10 mph.
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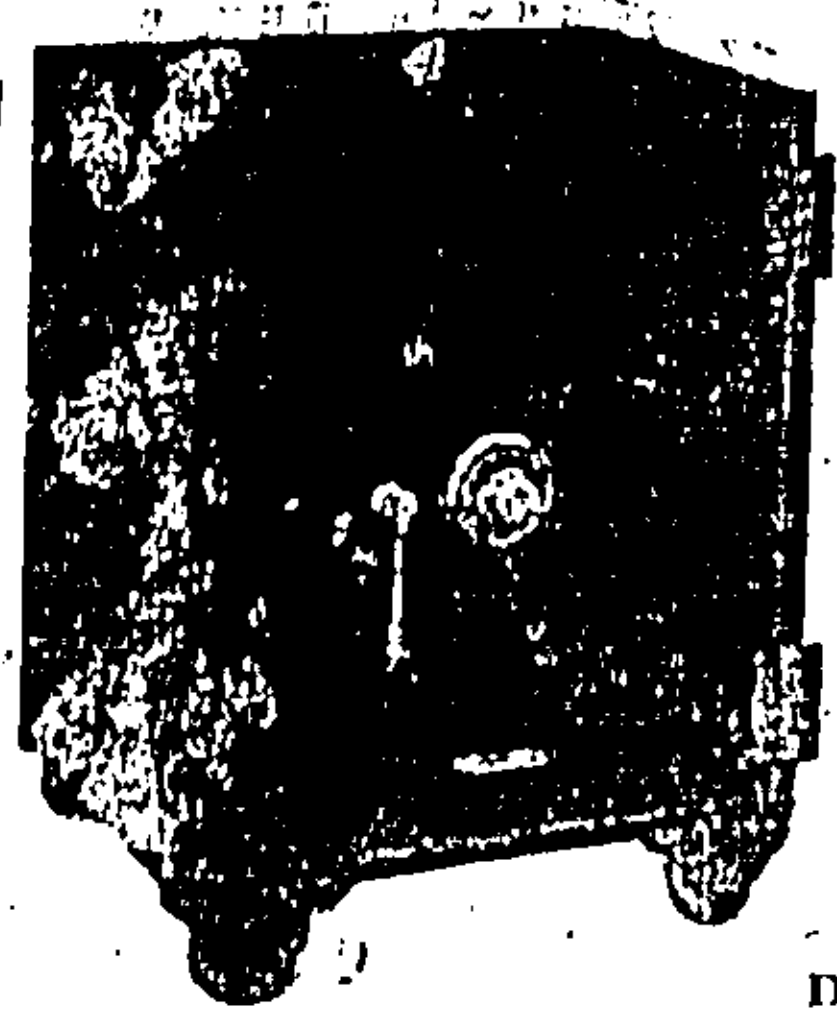
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ALLEGED FORGERS AT THE SESSIONS

Several months of enquiry by the Police into the source of forged ten-cent notes in the Colony resulted in the appearance of three men at the Criminal Sessions before Puisne Judge, Mr. T. J. Gould, yesterday.

The accused were Li Kung-ping, Hui Chik and Ng Mun-sheung, charged with conspiracy to defraud the Government, and possession of and using implements of forgery.

Li Kung-ping pleaded guilty to all charges except conspiracy and the others pleaded not guilty.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, assisted by Inspector Willerton, was for the prosecution. The accused were not represented.

Mr. Lonsdale said that a party of Police under Inspector Willerton visited a two-roomed hut in Shek Kip-nui village on April 6 and found Hui Chik on a bed in one of the rooms. In the other room, Li Kung-ping was sitting in front of a printing press. He was seen to take an object from the press and run towards the window. The Police caught him and in his hand was a plate engraved with a representation of a Hong Kong ten-cent note.

Lots Of Paper
A quantity of printing equipment and a large box with a false bottom in which over 2,000 pieces of square paper with two impressions of the plate were found.

Trial Of Student

A vigorous closing address by Mr. F. X. d'Almada, counsel for the defendant, Wong Tak-yun, 21-year-old, was heard yesterday in the Criminal Sessions before Mr. T. J. Gould, J., in the trial of the student for conspiracy to defraud the Government.

Reviewing the case, Mr. d'Almada brought out certain "glaring and peculiar" aspects which he declared to be "important and material" discrepancies in the prosecution's evidence.

Counsel referred to Mr. F. X. d'Almada, sitting in the Magistrate's Court, to the evidence of the complainant, pointing out the alleged discrepancies.

Concluding his address, Mr. d'Almada contended that there was no corroboration of the evidence and that in law and on the facts the defendant should be discharged.

Mr. d'Almada remanded the student to June 9 at 2.30 p.m. when he will deliver judgment.

The considerable quantity of paper used for printing found tending to show the scale of the forgery.

On May 20, 20 forged ten-cent notes were found, printed from another plate. In a bag under the bed 25 notes were found. Some were from the plate found on the premises and some from another plate.

As the result of further enquiries, third accused was arrested. After the prosecution had closed its case, Li Kung-ping gave evidence and said that in January he visited a two-roomed hut in Shek Kip-nui village on April 6 and found Hui Chik on a bed in one of the rooms. In the other room, Li Kung-ping was sitting in front of a printing press. He was seen to take an object from the press and run towards the window. The Police caught him and in his hand was a plate engraved with a representation of a Hong Kong ten-cent note.

A place was found on the site of a vegetable garden at Shek Kip-nui. A hut was built at the cost of \$200.

Not Lies
Tang told him to get a press and when he found one for \$200 this was considered too dear. Second accused introduced the third accused and through him a press was purchased.

He was told to print the packets. He printed about 12,000. On three occasions delivery was taken by Tang but on the fourth he took the envelopes to a house in West Point. He found the place was used for the manufacture of heroin pills and that the packets were used for the pills. He advised Tang against this but was told two inspectors of West Point Police Station knew about the place.

On April 4, Tang brought him a plate to print forged notes. At first he refused and in the evening he was offered \$50 a day to do the printing.

Cross-examined, witness denied his story was a pack of lies. Asked how some of the notes found on second accused had had notes could get that appearance if treated with acid. He had not done so himself but had been told so by second accused that morning in answer to a question on how the new notes could be circulated.

Hearing will be continued this morning.

Woman's Story
Li Shing, 28, a defendant, told the court that he had sold all his property to buy the gold, with which he intended to deal in the rice business here. He hid the gold as a protection against bandits en route from the court to the colony. He did not know local regulations governing gold importation.

Ma Choi, who elected to speak on behalf of the women defendants, reiterated that they hid the gold as a precaution against robbers. The gold belonged to them she insisted.

In passing sentence, Mr. Lo remarked that it was more than a coincidence that all defendants travelling in the same boat had the gold bars similarly concealed in their persons.

It was apparent that they were working for an organisation which aimed to defeat the law.

The Magistrate also warned defendants that the maximum sentence for gold smuggling would normally be a year's imprisonment plus a \$10,000 fine.

TESTED WITHOUT LICENCE
Ling Lun, 21-year-old fitter, was fined \$325 (for two months) by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on charges of driving a jeep without a licence and driving an unlicensed jeep. He was cautioned on a count of driving without the permission of the owner.

The vehicle was left with the Yaumati Engine Workshop at 27 Larch Street for repairs by the owner, and defendant took it out for testing.

LIGHT MUSIC
The Hong Kong Light Orchestra will present "Light Music for All" next Friday night at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon. The concert will start at 8 p.m. in the West Lounge. Bookings at the "Y" and at Moultres.

FASHION SHOW AT ROOF GARDEN
A fashion show, as part of the British Export Drive, was viewed yesterday by some of the best-dressed women in Hong Kong. It was held in the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, and that all the models displayed came from British designers and manufacturers.

The show was originated and organised by Mrs. E. M. Sanda, a representative of the fashion magazine, "The American". She deserves credit, and so does the United Kingdom Trade Commissioner, Mr. W. P. Montgomery, for an original idea and a smooth performance.

In his speech, Mr. Montgomery, admitting his inadequacy in describing the more technical points of the show, said: "The styles represent, for the most part, what has now become known as the 'London Look' and the 'London Line'. He went on: 'On behalf of the Board of Trade, the sponsors and myself, I wish to express our appreciation to Lady Grantham for so kindly consenting to open this show.' Lady Grantham, in her opening speech, said that in common with most women she was delighted to have this opportunity of seeing Britain's latest designs.

Personalia
Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—Mr. and Mrs. D.A.F. Mathers, Mr. Ferrel, G.C. Murray, J.H.W. Marshall, L.E. Hodge, A. Hudson, Mrs. S.L. Liddell, Mrs. S. P. Austin de Ruffe, R. Ringer and Col. J.F. Briceno.
Peninsula Departures:—Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Swearingen, Mr. and Mrs. D.D. McAfee, Mrs. B. A. Solomon, J.K. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bunyard, Mrs. A.E. Dominick, J. Hoffman, Capt. and Mrs. L. Wilson and Miss L.J. Bowles.
Latest arrivals from Southampton by ROAC "Speedbird" flying-boat:—Mr. A. C. Lloyd, Hong Kong residents who left yesterday for the United Kingdom by BOAC were Messrs S.L. Eofen, J.E. Briceno, A.W. Hartley, E.H.P. White, M. Heugl, E.A. Rattue, Mme. S. A. de Ruffe, Mrs. G.M. Liddell and Mrs. N. Hillier.
For assaulting Police Sgt. 809 and using abusive and insulting language, Tee Fat, 32, coolie, was brought before Mr. F.C. d'Almada at Central Magistrate's yesterday, and remanded to June 6.

YOU TOO CAN BE A REPORTER
Permit for all those who wish to express their views on any subject, to be a reporter.

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READERS' LETTERS

Pólice Grievance

Sir,—In your issue of 20th May, 1948, X.S.M.P. raises a most important question and in closing asks for an answer.

Another and more important question that exists also requires explaining.

On 17th December, 1947, the Hon. Mr. J. B. Griffin, Attorney General, brought a Bill before the Legislative Council to legislate the pension/gratuity terms of the memorandum, para. 10, referring to police officers who were permitted to retire prior to reaching the pension age or being pensioned due to illness. The explanation in the memorandum of Objects and Reasons attached to the Bill was, "that in 1941 the reorganisation of the Police Force with a view to reducing the European establishment of non-gazetted police officers was under consideration. Since the liberation this policy has been applied."

I believe the recommendation contained in the Salaries Commission Report is to the effect that when a Repatriate Officer retires, his post will be filled by local recruitment, provided the post is not one where an expert is required and there is no one locally qualified to fill the post.

By the number of recommendations made locally into the Inspectorate rank of the Hong Kong Police it would appear that an explanation is required as to why the deficiency of 30 is not made up by local recruitment, thereby complying with the present policy.

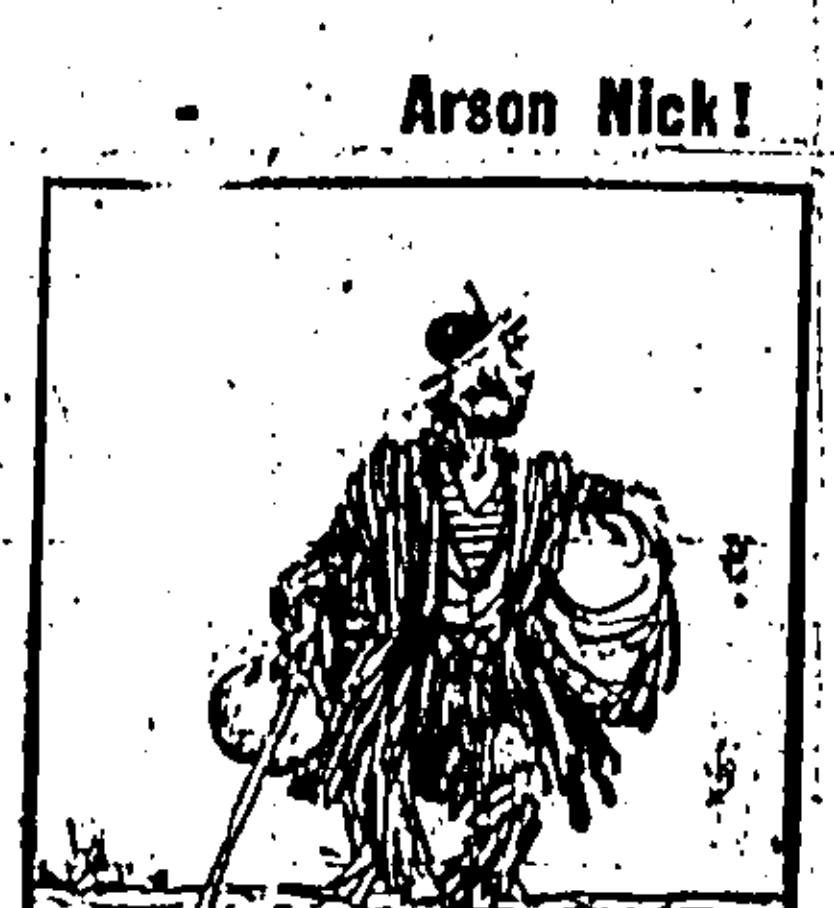
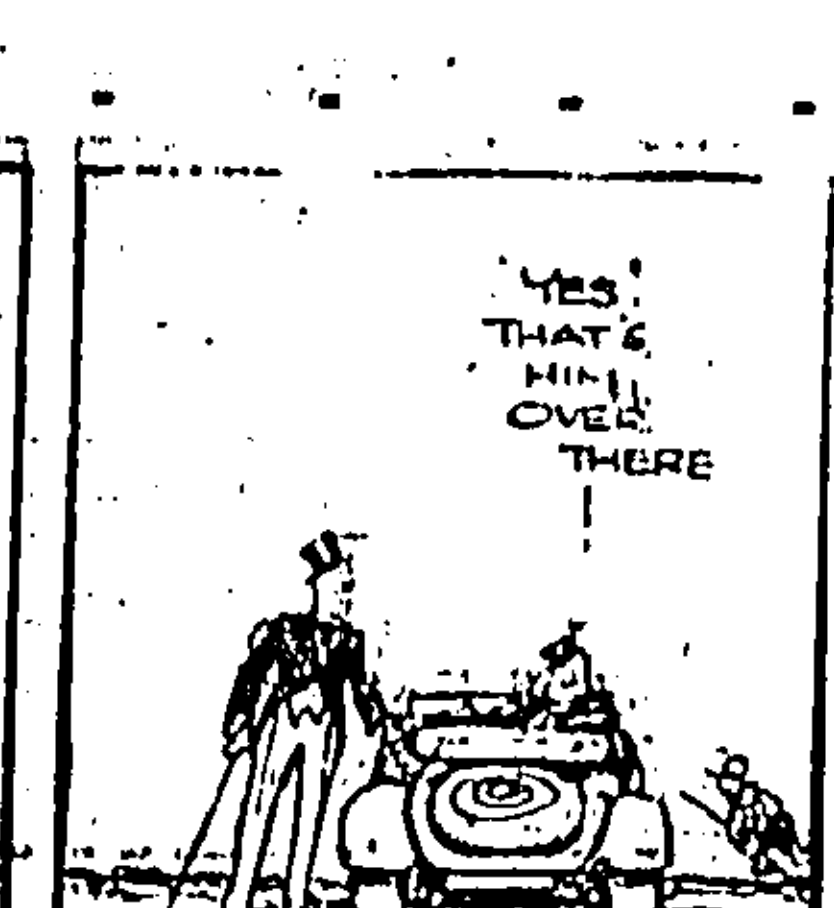
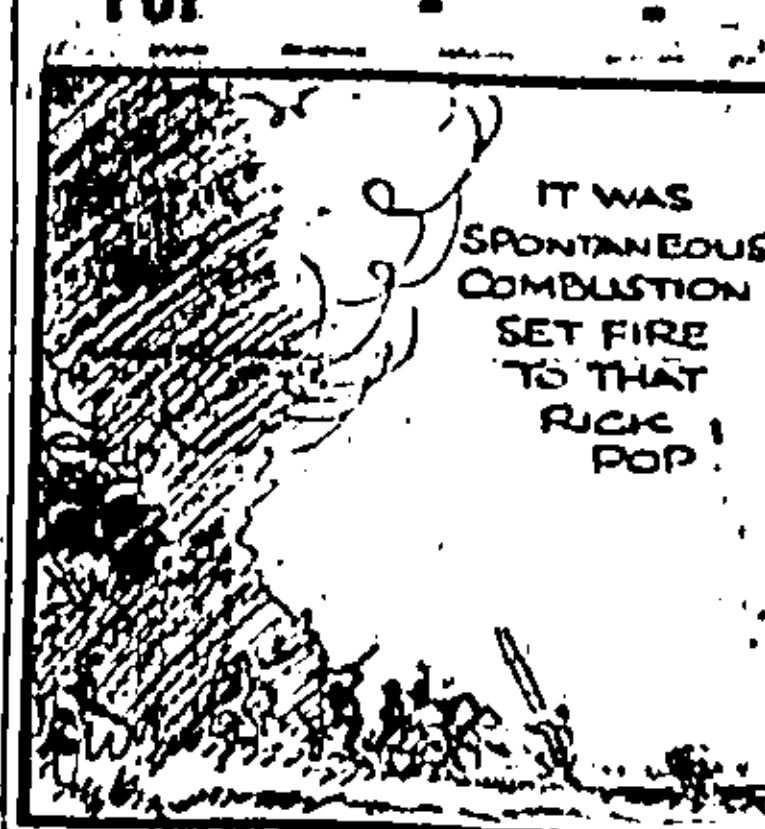
It seems hardly fair that the Colony should have to pay pensions/gratuities to physically fit men who were allowed to go so as to put into practice "the policy of reducing the European establishment of non-gazetted police officers," when a further 30 repatriate officers are now being taken on?

This should be a very good point for Unofficial Members to raise or have the principles of the Salaries Commission become a "nine days' wonder."

When is the Public Services Commission to be formed which was recommended by the Salaries Commission. This would be a very very interesting point for them to decide and let us see how genuine the Salaries Report really is?

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COURT'S WARNING TO 'DEVILISH GANG'

"If another case of a similar form of smuggling comes up before the Court it will be imprisonment, a fine and recommendation for banishment," Mr. Hin-shing Lo warned 20 members of "a devilish gang of smugglers" whom he fined \$4,000 or five months' hard labour when they re-appeared in the dock at Central Magistrate's yesterday.

Defendants, comprising two men, three married women, nine widows and six spinsters, turned into a howling mob when they heard sentence imposed upon them, and had to be pushed down into the cells below.

Charged with the illegal importation of gold into the colony, the defendants were passengers on the "Merry Moller" which arrived here on Tuesday evening from Macao.

On information, 24 suspects were detained by Revenue officers, and X-ray examination at the Queen Mary Hospital revealed that 20 of them, 18 women and two men, had gold bars, in bundles of three, four, five and six, tied together by cotton wool and rubber bands, inserted in their bodies.

Each bar weighed five tols, and the total value of the 102 bars amounted to about \$105,610.

Woman's Story
Li Shing, 28, a defendant, told the court that he had sold all his property to buy the gold, with which he intended to deal in the rice business here. He hid the gold as a protection against bandits en route from the court to the colony. He did not know local regulations governing gold importation.

Ma Choi, who elected to speak on behalf of the women defendants, reiterated that they hid the gold as a precaution against robbers. The gold belonged to them she insisted.

In passing sentence, Mr. Lo remarked that it was more than a coincidence that all defendants travelling in the same boat had the gold bars similarly concealed in their persons.

It was apparent that they were working for an organisation which aimed to defeat the law.

The Magistrate also warned defendants that the maximum sentence for gold smuggling would normally be a year's imprisonment plus a \$10,000 fine.

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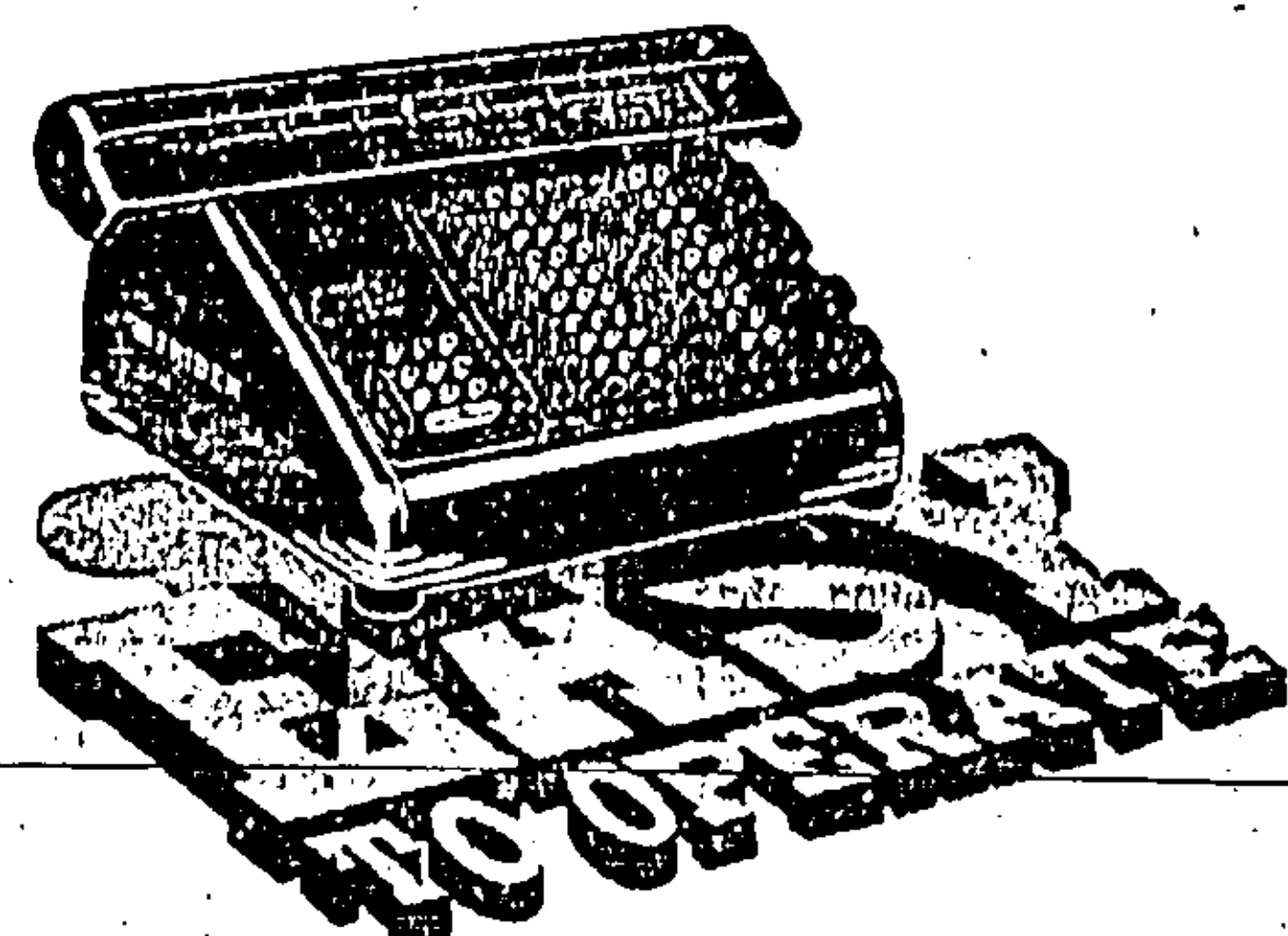
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RIP KIRBY**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS ASSOCIATION APPEAL****GIRLS DID NOT WANT ANY HELP**

"Because of defendant's youth, I asked her the last time she was brought before you if she had any money to pay her passage back to Canton. She refused my offer and the next time, I saw her only a few weeks later she was in a brothel. Last night she was arrested again on the streets. It is quite clear that they do not want help from us," declared Inspector J. E. Hayward, at Central Magistracy yesterday when prosecuting one of twelve girls he arrested on Wednesday night for loitering and causing obstruction in the Wanchai area.

One of the girls, with a record of three previous convictions, was sentenced to three months' hard labour with the option of a fine of \$300. She was warned that next time she would be sent to prison and banished.

Women with two previous convictions were fined \$200 or one month. Those with one were fined \$150 or three weeks, and girls up for the first time were bound over.

Mr. Lo told the girls to try and earn a respectable living.

DANCE AT THE K.C.C.

There is every indication that another big crowd of members and their friends will attend Saturday's special cabaret-dance organised by the KCC Ladies' Committee.

The Committee is now busy putting final touches to the arrangements. Among the artists will be Frank Miles, one of the Colony's most popular entertainers, while further appearances will be made by Eric MacNider, who is to contribute a skit on a London radio programme, and Tex Winters and his Tumble Weeds, whose "Down on the Range" numbers have made this group of songsters a much sought-after entertainment.

In addition to special dances (with Ken Cochrane and his band supplying the music) the Committee has arranged certain novelties, with a number of attractive prizes to be won.

The booking list is open at the KCC, but will close early on Friday evening. Subscription is \$3 per person. Dancing will be from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

WOMAN'S STORY OF ALLEGED MURDER

"I have been told to come here, so I must come", was a remark credited to **Chang Kwok King** while struggling with **Chan Suk-hing** in the corridor of 66B, Bonham Road after **Chang** is alleged to have murdered **Chan's** servant, **Chong Chat**, and attempted to murder **Hui Kit Ching**, 20, with a hammer.

Cheng, who again appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday, is represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. Sutherland Russ. Inspector Cashman is in charge of the prosecution.

Yesterday's hearing was taken up by **Chan Suk Hing**, wife of the occupier of 66B Bonham Road, where the murder took place.

She said she had known defendant for some time and that in the period March 8-15, defendant visited the house three times. Each time he had carried a parcel which he kept by his side the whole time he was in the house.

In the afternoon of March 15, at about 4.30 p.m., defendant arrived and sat in the sitting room. She told **Hui Kit Ching** to make some tea. While he was away, defendant got up and went to the lavatory.

She told **Hui** to call and tell him the tea was ready.

Hood Screams
After a short while, she heard her two children screaming. As they were not the usual screams, she rushed to the back and saw defendant holding her son, **Wong Kin Ha**, with his left hand and

The Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association is having its Annual Flag Day tomorrow. The Association started in Hong Kong in 1935 when a group of European and Chinese police, who had collected a handful of youngsters from the streets and were giving them a place to play at the police station, joined with the magistrate in charge of the Children's Court and some **Toc H** members and began the first Boys' Club. By 1941 there were twenty clubs in the Colony, but none survived the occupation.

A generous gift of \$15,000 from the Generalissimo's Relief Fund, by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in 1945, enabled the Association to start again, and at the present time there are twenty-two clubs in the poorest districts of Hong Kong and Kowloon. Clubs have been opened whenever accommodation has been available. The out-patient department of the Tung Wah Hospital, a large mission hut, an old disused Temple, premises used by the Social Welfare Council in the day-time, school rooms and church premises all house a boys' or a girls' club for two hours each evening.

Most of the children who attend the clubs come from the few food kitchens, and many of them are among the completely destitute and sleep on the streets. A great number are either orphans or have only one parent alive and their family and economic background is extraordinary. Some of the club-children do odd jobs in the day time as shoe-shine boys, hawkers, newspaper boys and banner girls. None of the children have an opportunity of going to school or being trained in a trade.

Stanley Camp

At Stanley there is a permanent camp for a hundred destitute boys, sent by the magistrates or the Social Welfare Council. No servants are employed in the camp, and the boys do all the cooking, washing and cleaning, as well as cultivating plots of land. The boys attend school for four hours each day. They have the opportunity for gardening, football, swimming, physical training and various recreational games. Some of the boys learn tailoring and others go to the nearby Army Workshops, where they are apprenticed as electrical engineers.

Four boys are learning farming at the government experimental farm at Kam Tin, and the Sea Training School is training another fifty of the boys.

There is obviously no end to

HAD NO LICENCE FOR BOAT

A fine of \$200 was imposed by Marine Magistrate D. G. Cairns yesterday when **Filipo Ferrer**, 21, Filipino was charged with having a motor-boat without a certificate of survey and without a licence.

Defendant pleaded guilty to both charges.

Inspector McCarthy requested permission to withdraw the second charge.

The prosecuting officer said that on L.C.P. arrived in Hong Kong on April 22 and had on board a 75 H.P. motor-boat measuring 26 feet by eight feet.

This boat had been used occasionally in harbour and on Wednesday last it was seen towing a boat from **Bailey's Shipyard** to **Shamshulpo**. The motor-boat was stopped near the Naval Dockyard at Kowloon and it was found that defendant was acting coxswain.

He was asked to produce the survey certificate which he could not and enquiries revealed that the boat had not been surveyed.

In answer to a question by the Magistrate, Mr. Woodward, Marine Surveyor, said that it took the motor-boat one hour to tow the other boat from **Bailey's** to the **Kowloon Star Ferry** pier and had any strong wind been blowing, it could not have made it.

A careful scrutiny of expenditure whilst others have given invaluable services of a professional nature free. Thus we have been able to continue and expand the work of the Association, whilst in common with most charitable organisations, we live on what is almost a hand to mouth basis. At the moment the Annual Flag Day provide the bulk of the income.

Miss Cecilia W.F. Shen will broadcast over Z.B.K. of the Association at 6 p.m. this evening, and Fr. Sheridan at 8.15 p.m. over Z.D.W.

Many Helpers

But these things demand a regular and foreseeable income. Expenditure has stabilised around \$8,000 a month. Some \$1,200 each month is spent on milk and biscuits for the Clubs. Nearly \$2,000 is spent on the salaries of the office staff, club leaders and organisers. The rest is spent on equipment—school books, paper, games equipment, medicines, Christmas etc.

An audited balance sheet reveals little of the human side of any institution, whether commercial or charitable. Countless people in innumerable ways have contributed to the success of the Association. Some have thrown themselves into the work of raising funds; others have organized, through religious or social groups, the sponsoring of a club; others have devoted themselves to the

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When DSI Scragg went to make inquiries, she told him that she occupied the premises with her four children and four servants. She awakened at 4 a.m. and went back to bed a quarter of an hour later. At 7.30 a.m. she discovered a number of Army bed-sheets and pillowcases, an old electric iron, a rattan basket and a quantity of Australian coins missing.

W.D. Markings
Returning to the Station, DSI Scragg discovered that accused had been arrested by PC 1151 and PC 1152 in possession of a rattan basket containing three table cloths, six bed-sheets, and eight pillow-cases, some of which were marked "W.D."

At **Tsimtsatui** Police Station, defendant told the Police that at 4 p.m. on May 20 he met a former prison friend, **Cheung**, who invited him to sleep in a street that night. About 5 a.m.

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OPIUM SMOKERS SENTENCED

Three opium divan keepers and 12 smokers were caught in a raid on Wednesday and brought at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. F.-X. d'Almeida.

Of the smokers, 11 were fined \$25 each and the other had his bail arrested.

Leung So, 42, was sentenced to four months' hard labour and recommended for banishment for keeping a divan in an unnumbered hut on the hillside of **Tai Shek Street**. Defendant had a previous conviction.

For operating a divan at No. 18, **Far Hing Street**, third floor, **Cheung Ying-kong** was fined \$700 or five months.

Lau Hui-chuen, 21, was fined \$800 or four months for running a divan in an unnumbered hut in **Kam Wah Street**.

POLICE RAIDS ON MAINLAND DIVANS

Two of the largest opium divans on the Mainland were raided by a Police party, under Chief Inspector G. S. Smith, between 9.30 and 9.45 p.m. on June 2.

Two divan keepers and 49 smokers, including five women, were arrested, and 14 pipes and 21 lamps seized.

Ting Cheong (33), keeper of the divan at 31 **Woosung Street**, first floor was fined \$275 or two months' hard labour. **Leung Kwong** (31), keeper of the divan at 29 **Woosung Street**, first floor, was fined \$550 or four months' hard labour. Both were recommended for banishment by Mr. W. H. Latimer.

The smokers, comprising three married women, a songstress, two unemployed, ten hawkers, six shop-folk, two bus drivers, eight sailors, a seaman, a shoemaker, a clerk, two fitters, a cooler, a mechanic, a shop-keeper, four tailors, a cook, a burnbo-war-maker, a carpenter, and the Chief Engineer of a ship, were fined \$30 each. Seven absentees for-

feited bail of \$50 each. One of the women, who said she went to the divan to look for her husband, was discharged.

Another opium divan at 37 **Woosung Street**, first floor, was raided by Det. Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison, and the keeper (**Lai Shing**, 40) was fined \$150, and his patron \$30.

Fok Hin (38), arrested by Det. Sub-Inspector Morrison at 3.30 p.m. on June 2 at 113 **Portland Street**, ground floor, for keeping an opium divan was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

Inspector J. Orem prosecuted in all cases.

Lai Chow (28) was sentenced to two months' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. W.A. Blake-Kerr for keeping an opium divan at 97A **Canton Road**, first floor.

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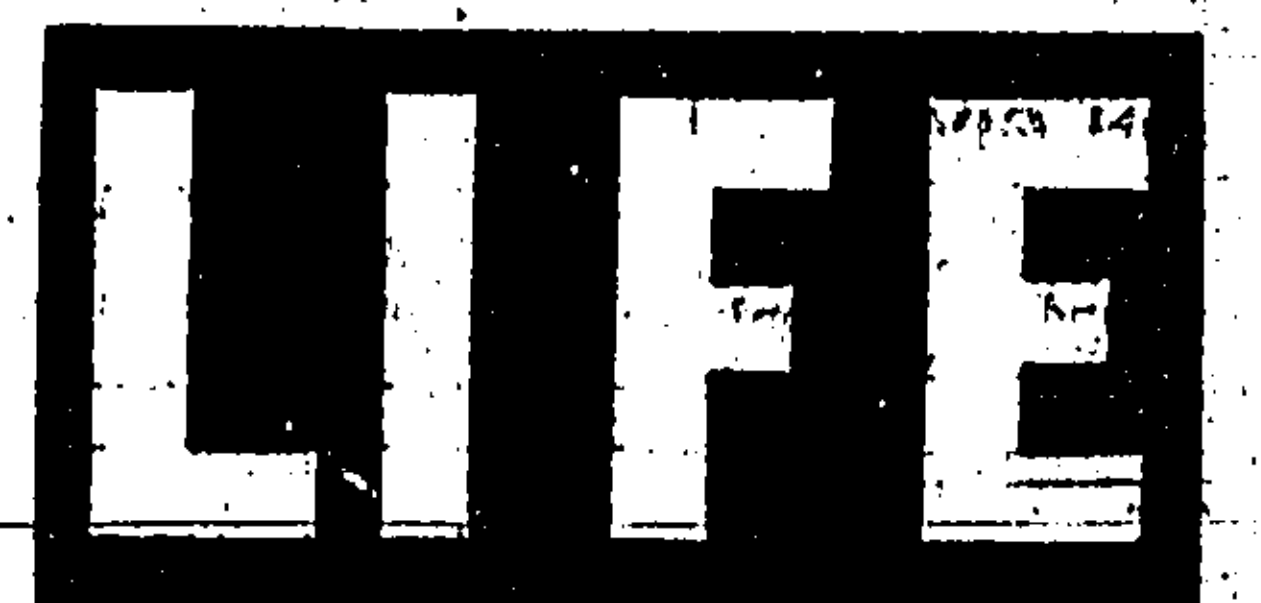
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It is hereby notified that
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Office of the Chairman, Tender
Board, Colonial Secretariat,
until noon on Friday, the 11th
June, 1948.

Tenders must attach to
each tender a receipt showing
that they have deposited with
the Senior Accountant of the
Kowloon-Canton Railway the
sum of \$500 as a pledge of the
bona fides of their tenders,
which sum shall be forfeited to
the Crown if the successful
tenderer fails or refuses
to carry out his tender. The
deposits will be returned to
unsuccessful tenderers.

The successful tenderer will
be required to deposit at the
Treasury, Prince Building, Des
Voeux Road, the sum of
\$5,000.00 as security for due
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his contract.

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fication may be obtained from
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Canton Railway.

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bind itself to accept the lowest
or any tender, and reserves
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part of the tender.

A. E. PERRY,
Acting General Manager,
Railway.
22nd May, 1948.

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A lecture will be given
on FRIDAY, 4th June
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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS

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FREIGHT TARIFF NO. 3

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Shippers are advised that a new Loose-leaf Tariff has
been issued which will cancel all previous issues, except that
Section IV of the existing Tariff will remain in operation
until further notice, but only so far as additional
rates to ports with transshipment are concerned. Addi-
tional rates direct to ports of destination will be found in
Section IV of the new Tariff.

The new Tariff will become effective on the 21st June,
1948.

Copies of the new Tariff may be obtained from the
Local Chairman, Far Eastern Freight Conference, P. & O.
Building, Hong Kong at a charge of HK\$20.00 per copy, on
and after Monday, 7th June, 1948.

Additional Rates with Transshipment to Ports of Des-
tination—A separate Tariff of Transshipment Additional
is in course of preparation and until this becomes effective
additional rates with transshipment to ports of destination
will be ascertained by reference to Section IV of the old
Tariff, in respect of which Addenda will continue to be
issued.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of
Clarence Lempster Farm-
er late of No. 7 Kent Road
Kowloon in the Colony of
Hong Kong, Shipping
Manager, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Court has by virtue of
Section 58 of the Probates
Ordinance 1897, made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their
claims against the above estate
to the 29th day of June 1948.

All creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send their claims to the under-
signed on or before that date.

Dated the 3rd day of June 1948.

WILKINSON & GRIST,

Solicitors for the Adminis-
tratrix of the above estate,
No. 2 Queen's Road, Central,
Hong Kong.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Charles
M. Hall late of Kowloon in
the Colony of Hong Kong,
Merchant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Court has by virtue of
Section 58 of the Probates
Ordinance 1897, made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their
claims against the above estate
to the 20th day of June 1948.

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shares who is not in possession
of the requisite form which has
to be presented when payment
is made, should make im-
mediate application for same to the
Company.

Payment should be made to
The Hongkong and Shanghai
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G. B. S. THOMSON,
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HANDCUFFED FIREMAN'S LEAP TO DEATH

A verdict of "Suicide" was returned by a Coroner's jury (comprising two women and a man) at the conclusion of an inquiry, conducted by Mr. W. H. Latimer, at Kowloon yesterday into the death of Lau Wing, 36-year-old ex-fireman.

The jury added the follow-
ing rider: "No blame is to be
attached to the Police for this
occurrence. Deceased having
found that the revolver had
been discovered wanted to
take his own life and used his
strength to do this rather than
face a long period of imprison-
ment."

Det. Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes
said that deceased leap, while
handcuffed, from the third floor
verandah at 39 Bute Street short-
ly after 10 p.m. on April 28, im-
mediately after Detective 944
discovered a Japanese-type Luger
pistol in the kitchen.

Detailing the events leading up
to the suicide leap, DSI Sykes
said that about 4.45 p.m.,
March 30, a Chinese (the de-
ceased) entered the Wing On
Watch Shop at 653 Nathan Road
and asked to be shown two
"Mido" watches. When these
were produced he put them in his
trousers pocket, drew a pistol
and pointed it at a woman
named Leung King.

When he left, he was followed
by Leung King and an apprentice
to Nelson Street. At Portland
Street he turned and fired a shot
at his pursuers, and disappeared.

At 9 p.m. on April 28, a Police
party under DSI Sykes went to
the Yee Hing tea-house at 1095
Canton Road where deceased was
pointed out as the "wanted" man.
He was taken to Mong Kok
Police Station and, at 9.50 p.m.,
took DSI Sykes Det.-Cpl. 149,
and Dets. 102 and 944 to 33 Bute
Street, third floor, where he
pointed out a bedspace as being
occupied by him.

Watch Tags

A search of the bedspace and
its surroundings brought to light
three "Mido" tags hidden in a
hole in the wall just above the
bed.

Lau Wing, said DSI Sykes,
was then standing in the passage-
way, handcuffed, and guarded by
Det. 102 and himself. Det. 944
went into the kitchen and shortly
afterwards shouted out, "Inspector
Sykes, here it is. Come and
see." No sooner had DSI Sykes
taken a step forward to see where
the revolver was than Lau broke
away and ran along the passage-
way towards the front verandah.

The detectives gave chase but,
when leaping for the fugitive,
Dets. 149 and 102 missed and fell.
DSI Sykes leapt over them and
ran to the verandah, but
Lau had gone.

In the road, the Police found
him dead, bleeding from the ears.
Dr. R. E. Alvarez, describing
the injuries sustained by de-
ceased, said that an internal ex-
amination revealed that the top
of the skull was fractured into
many fragments.

SAIGON TO WAVE NEW VIETNAM FLAG

Paris, June 2.
Saigon's public buildings will fly the new Viet-
namese flag for the first time on Saturday
when the talks between France and Vietnam
will be resumed, the Agence France Presse re-
ported today from Saigon.

The ex-Emperor of Annam,
Bao Dai, will continue his
efforts to find an acceptable
formula with M. Emile Bo-
laert, the French High Commis-
sioner, on board a French cruiser
in the Bay of Along. Bao
Dai told General Nguyen Van
Xuan and other members of
the newly-formed central Viet-
namese Cabinet in Hong Kong
on May 27 that their Govern-
ment had been formed on "a
historic day," according to a
translation released in Saigon
today.

"Vietnam," he said, "now re-
covers her unity, which marks a
decisive step on the road to
liberty. The heroism of those who
died for their country proved to
the world our desire for inde-
pendence."

"France herself renounces

Ho Chi-Minh's Threat

Paris, June 2.
A Saigon despatch to Agence
France Presse tonight quoted the
Viet-Minh (Annamite Na-
tionalist) Radio announcing
that the Nationalist Govern-
ment of Dr. Ho Chi Minh had
decided to bring General Ngu-
yen Van Xuan, head of the
Provisional General Vietnam
Government in Indo-China,
before a Viet-Minh court mar-
tial on a charge of high trea-
son.

The Viet-Minh Radio ad-
ded: "General Xuan's treason
was provided by his agreeing
to form a Central Govern-
ment, thus knowingly playing
the game of the imperialists."
—Reuter.

QUEEN'S VISIT TO MANCHESTER

Manchester, June 2.

Queen Elizabeth today met some of the men and
women in the Lancashire cotton industry who
are playing their part in the export drive. Her
programme included visits to Blackburn, Old-
ham, Ashton-under-Lyne and Manchester cen-
tres which employ over 50,000 workers.

At each place the list of those
presented to her included em-
ployers and directors, trade
union leaders, local Members of
Parliament and others con-
nected with the industry.

Suggestive Song Ban

Peiping, June 3.
The Municipal Government
today banned broadcast by
Peiping radio stations from
June 4 of 110 popular, Chinese
songs as "being too sug-
gestive."

Some are favourites particu-
larly among movie fans.
The banned list includes: A
Man's Divorce, I am still em-
barassed, It's not good to play,
Young widow's complaint, 10-
year-old Maiden, Bridal Cham-
ber, Pliable prostitute, Pleasant
night don't last, My pedicab sis-
ter, Flame of Love, Al ya ya, Wild
flowers are fragrant, Wild flowers
are not always fragrant, A Night
of happiness.—Associated Press.

Task For Dalton

London, June 3.
Mr. Hugh Dalton, newly-
appointed Chancellor of the
Duchy of Lancaster, will play
a leading part in organising
the Commonwealth Confer-
ence, which is to be held in
London as soon as possible.

The Dominions are now reply-
ing to the suggestions sent out
by Britain for an informal meet-
ing of Prime Ministers, to be
held, it is hoped, before the
autumn.
It was emphasised in London
tonight that the longer the Con-
ference is postponed, the more
urgent it would become. Major
Commonwealth problems include
defence, economic questions, and
the relationship to the Western
Union. Irrespective of party
policies, Parliamentary opinion
here hopes that the new Do-
minions—India, Pakistan and
Ceylon—will play their full part
in the Commonwealth Conference.
Although it is fully recognised
that both Pandit Nehru, the
Indian Prime Minister, and Mr.
Ali Khan, the Pakistan Prime
Minister, are carrying enormous
burdens—since the transfer—of
power, it is sincerely hoped that
they will be able to find time to
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ARABS' NINE POINT REPLY

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POLITICAL UNITY FIRST ESSENTIAL

Cairo, June 2.

The Arab Governments, in their reply to the United Nations Security Council's truce plan, reiterated that there was need for guarantees in Palestine without which a cease-fire would be merely an uneasy interval leading to wider-scale disturbances and further violence.

The Arab reply, released for publication in Cairo today, made the following nine points.

1.—The Arab Governments reaffirm that nothing is nearer to their hearts' desire than the return of peace in Palestine, and to see the day in which Palestine's population—Arab and Jew alike—will live amicably side by side in complete understanding.

The Arab Governments reiterate that there is need for guarantees in Palestine without which a cease-fire would merely be an uneasy interval leading to wider-scale disturbances and further violence.

2.—They note the Security Council has taken into consideration their previous observation that a cease-fire should be the only means of finding a just solution, long overdue.

Consequently, the Arab States are pleased to note the appointment of a mediator by the Security Council who will contact both sides in Palestine, if and when a cease-fire becomes operative, with a view to carrying out the mission entrusted to him by the General Assembly.

Immigration Flood
3.—The main object of the mediator's mission is to reach a peaceful and just solution of the Palestine problem. The Arab Governments are certain that the mediator, on behalf of the United Nations as well as the members of the Truce Commission appointed by the Security Council on April 23, will find that any solution which does not preserve the political unity of Palestine and take into consideration the will of the majority of its people will have no chance of success.

4.—There is no doubt it is against the purpose of the cease-fire order to open the doors of Palestine, now held by the Zionists, to permit a flood of Jewish immigrants of military age, who are awaiting the first opportunity of entering the country from different parts of Europe and Africa without any object other than joining the Zionist terrorists.

This is the greatest menace to the existence of the Palestine Arabs and to the maintenance of security in the Middle East.

Impartial Body
5.—The Arab Governments feel that the Security Council's plan cannot possibly be to allow the Zionists to profit from the cease-fire by introducing in Palestine more men who, though entering under the guise of immigrants, would, in reality, be trained combatants under the second paragraph of the Security Council's resolution—that prohibiting combatants of either side from entering Palestine during the cease-fire.

6.—The Arab Governments are desirous of seeing the appointment of an efficient impartial body to supervise the carrying out of the Security Council's resolution and conditions relative to the cease-fire with scrupulous care.

7.—The Arab Governments do not feel that the Security Council's resolution contains an adequate guarantee that the other side will respect the rules and conditions of the cease-fire order.

8.—The Arab Governments, in their capacity as members of the regional organization responsible for preserving order in their area, are desirous of cooperating with the mediator and Truce Commission in supervising the execution of the cease-fire rules and conditions.

9.—The Arab Governments, anxious to see peace established in Palestine so that a just solution of the problem presented there may be found, accept the invitation of the Security Council to cease fire for four weeks from a time yet to be decided.

10.—The Arab Governments, in accepting this invitation despite the failure of all previous efforts to reach a just solution of the Palestine problem because of the uncompromising attitude of the Zionists, give proof of their sincere desire to cooperate with the United Nations in finding a solution, although their armies are now mastering the situation.

—Reuter.

ARMING TURKEY
Istanbul, June 2.

The 7,000-ton United States cargo vessel Wolverine State today unloaded heavy tanks and guns, delivered under the American aid programme. Three Victory-type transports last week landed 10,000 tons of equipment and ammunition and another ship carrying light and heavy tanks is expected shortly.

Turkey has already received submarines and warplanes under the aid programme.—Reuter

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Accepted "In Principle"

Damascus, June 2. The Lebanese Prime Minister, Riad el Solh, said here today that the Arab States had accepted the Security Council's cease fire appeal "in principle" and were now awaiting the Council's decisions.

"If these decisions serve the interests of Palestine and the Arab countries we will order a cease fire. Otherwise the war will continue," he said.

He added that "the Arab reply to the call for a four week truce" had been sent to the Security Council "with conditions."—Reuter.

Kashmir Commission

Lake Success, June 2. With the appointment of the American member today, subject to the Senate's ratification, the Kashmir Commission is complete. But it still lacks one of its most important members, the Principal Secretary, to be appointed by the United Nations Secretariat.

Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary General, is having difficulty in finding the right man as the ranks of leading secretarial officials have been severely drained by other commissions.

There is no indication here at present when the Commission is likely to start on its way. The first official meeting is scheduled in Geneva, but it is likely that some of the members may meet informally in London on their way to Switzerland.—Reuter.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay
The Authority on Bridge

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WHENEVER you hold two fairly high cards in the long suit led by your partner against a No Trump game, there is a possibility that you may eventually block it. In this case, it is generally incumbent upon you to begin unblocking at the earliest possible moment, disposing of one of your high cards on the very first trick. The purpose is to retain, for the last trick on which you follow suit, a card which is sure to be smaller than the highest your partner will have at that stage.

S. K 5
H. K 7 4
D. A Q J 5 2
C. K 8 3
S. A 9 7 4
H. Q 8 5
D. 9 7 6
C. Q J

S. Q 8 6
H. A J 10 2
D. 8 4
C. A 9 6 4

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable).

South West North East
1 C 1 S 2 D Pass
2 NT Pass 3 NT

South properly played the K on the spade 4 and East automatically put on the 2. His quick play, without thinking, enabled South to make his contract, plus an extra trick. After winning that, South played to the heart A and finessed the diamond J to the K. East fired back the spade J, on which South played the Q and West the A. Now the spade 3 was led to the

TOMORROW'S PROBLEM
S. A K J 6
H. 10 7 4
D. Q 8 3
C. 10 6 5

S. 7 5
H. 9 8 6 5
D. K 7 2
C. A Q 7

S. 9 2
H. K J 3 2
D. A Q J 9 6
C. J 3

S. Q 8 4 3
H. A Q
D. 10 6
C. K 9 8 4

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10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

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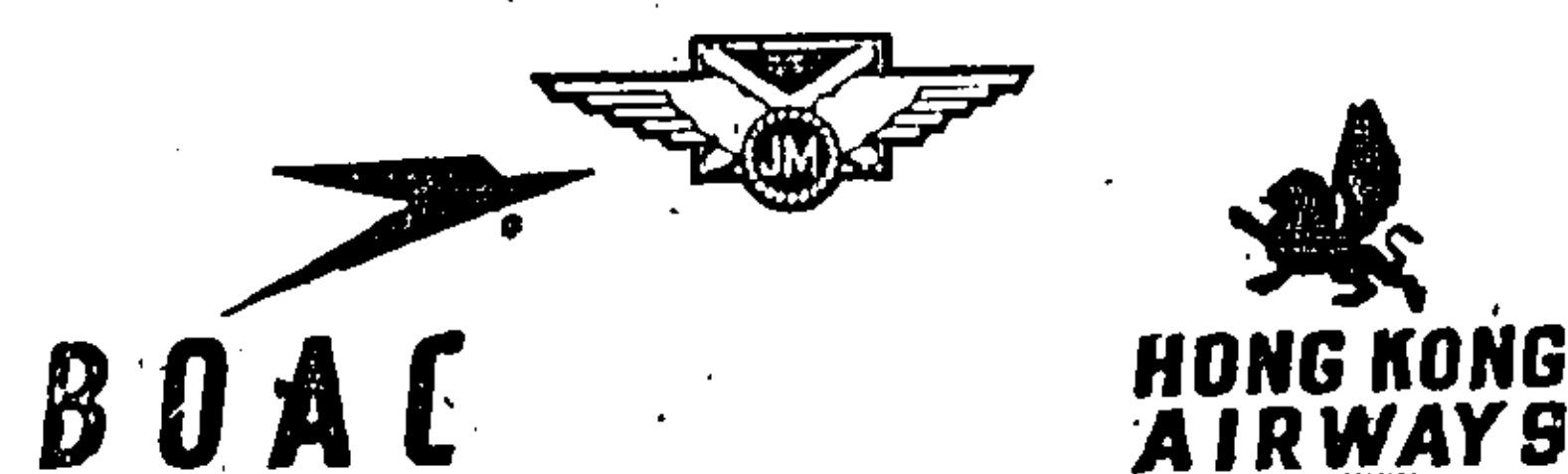
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MR. A. CHANG and family wish to thank their relatives and friends for their floral tribute and condolences and their attendance at the funeral in their recent bereavement.

BIRTH

IRWIN—At the Queen Mary Hospital, on 3rd June, 1948, to Althea (nee) Gibson, wife of Captain R. J. T. Irwin of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, a son, Michael Robert.

POLICE MAKING

The correspondent who writes today on police re-organisation in Hong Kong raises several pertinent points. Some of the facts may be missing, perhaps essential to a proper understanding of all the factors involved, but curiosity as to the trend of official policy must be aroused by the announced recruitment of thirty additional expatriate officers, most of them from Palestine, within so short a time after active encouragement to relatively junior members of the Force to retire before completion of their normal pensionable term. As the correspondent points out, those who seized this opportunity were mostly the young, physically fit, and they are drawing pensions from Hong Kong. Those who are now coming out, freshly recruited from Palestine, will undoubtedly have several years of service behind them, which will count towards the further pensions which Hong Kong ultimately will be called upon to pay.

Offering the only explanation so far given of the drafting of new blood, the Commissioner of Police said the other day that this was necessary to bring the European contingent up to authorised strength. With that, taken on its face value, there can be no dispute. What it does not remove is the impression that somebody blundered. It is impossible to take the simple facts, the unceremonious hastening of the departure of numerous young officers in 1947 and the heavy recruitment of new officers less than a year later, without reaching the conclusion that somebody's calculations must have been radically wrong. No doubt the acquisition of officers from the hard school which has been Palestine for many years past will do Hong Kong's police force no harm. If, indeed, the process of change had been a weeding-out of the locally inefficient and the careful selection of replacements, the advantage gained would be clear. In the departures last year, however, there was no such obvious element. Among those who elected to retire on the specially favourable terms held out as an inducement were some of the Colony's most promising young officers, with language qualifications, and behind them the 10, or 12 years of service which is required to bring an inspector to the peak of his usefulness in this force and this community. We can see no merit in the elimination of such men in favour of Palestine police, however businesslike and however expert in Hebrew and Arabic.

The Labour Party's annual Conference becomes less of a conference and more of an outing with every year that passes. Its proceedings are directed in such a way as to conceal rather than expose serious cleavages of opinion.

To one Socialist M.P. at Scarborough a foreign journalist expressed his surprise at the absence of evening committees. This foreigner no doubt thought it strange in these circumstances that Mr. Dalton should have spoken so contemptuously of those "chatterboxes" at The Hague who could permit themselves no such butcheries diversions from their labours. It is true that with the approach of the 1950 General Election a certain natural caution imposes itself even upon the Socialist tongues. But the rather unhappy atmosphere of post-war Labour conferences has resulted in the main from the inability of the Socialists to accustom themselves to the exercise of power.

The Tammany Boss

Subconsciously, at any rate, the Socialists up to 1945, had begun to doubt that they would ever assume that power by constitutional means. For the violent there was the hope of revolution. For the lazy the licence of promises without plans for their fulfilment.

This tradition of opposition, as to speak, in mid-air found its most extravagant expression at the annual Party Conferences. Opposition maintained the morale and enthusiasm of Socialism as office maintained those of Conservatism. The readjustment called for by the reversal of the roles has proved no less difficult for both.

No wonder, then, that many delegates prefer the cheerful holiday music on the "prom" to the cautious notes struck from the platform by those who, like Mr. Morrison, keep their ear closely tuned to the murmur of the middle classes. Mr. Morrison knows more about electoral technique than any of his colleagues in the party. As a Tammany Boss he is much nearer the first-rate than Mr. Nye Bevan once chose to estimate. It is to his credit that he would rather see the Labour Party at the top of the poll in 1950 than himself at the top of the poll at Scarborough in 1948.

Leader Of Revolution

Mr. Bevan, on the other hand, has other preferences. He made it clear enough that he himself had been out of sympathy with the party's 1945 decision "not to have a revolution." Indeed, he surmised that some "political catastrophe" would be inevitable before Socialism's objectives were reached in this country. He seemed disheartened of Mr. Morrison's worries about the possibility of an electoral reverse to be caused by the switch-over in middle-class votes. For him there was still that Revolution which had been thought unnecessary in 1945.

Whether Mr. Bevan manages to become its leader or not—and his popular success at Scarborough indicates that such a role might be his for only a little more asking—such a revolution is a possibility which cannot be discounted.

It was, by inference, argued by Mr. Bevan that even if the Tories had won in 1945 they would not have possessed the economic power necessary to exploit their electoral success. That is arguable. But the further implication that an electoral success by the Conservatives in 1950 will without much difficulty be upset by a campaign of violent or non-violent "non-co-operation" on the part of politically organised Labour casts the blackmailing

There is, of course, the possibility that totally different considerations have operated to produce this unfavourable-looking result. One of the queries of the correspondent is concerned with the apparent withdrawal or modification of the policy of replacing expatriate officers by local recruits in the inspectorate ranks. No direct evidence of a change in the announced policy is available. There is however plentiful indication that the experiment has not proved an unadulterated success, and it may very well have been decided that further advance along the road to localisation, of the higher ranks of ungarretted officers must, in defence of efficiency, be slower than was originally expected. The existing police force, in its ceaseless war against serious crime and its preservation of a decent respect for law and order, has much upon which to pride itself, and the Police Commissioner is right if he declines to sacrifice this attainment for a young idea.

THE AMBITION OF ANEURIN BEVAN

shadow of constitutional crisis over the future of our country.

Trade Union Support

It would be a crisis which would almost certainly divide Labour, but it would not be successfully avoided on overcomer without a coalition between right wing or centre Socialists, on the one hand, and the majority forces of non-Socialist opinion on the other. It seems unlikely, however, that even the non-revolutionary Socialist could bring themselves to admit the failure of British Socialism which any such coalition would proclaim.

The power of the Labour Party today rests upon the

A Commentary On
The Proceedings At
The Labour Conference In Scarborough

BY
ALISTAIR FORBES

Trade Unions, whose increased support, enforced by Statute, has overshadowed the substantial defections on the part of private individuals.

Much depends upon the ability of the Opposition between now and the General Election, to convince the Trade Unions that the further consolidation of Socialist government in this country must in many instances sooner or later weaken their own power and endanger the security of those whom they exist to serve.

Of one thing we can even now be certain. The revolution which Mr. Bevan is prepared to contemplate with such calmness as his frenetic nature can assume would end parliamentary democracy in Britain, and in so

doing would end for all time British influence in Europe and the Empire.

Scarborough was perhaps not the best place in which to take careful soundings of these dangerous undercurrents in the Socialist movement. Not even Mr. Bevan himself could set aside the crude oil which Mr. Shillwell had been commanded to pour upon the waters.

Walking The Plank

Gagged and bound, Mr. Platts-Mills and Mr. Alfred Edwards were made to walk the plank from the port and starboard sides respectively. (Mr. Edwards's principal crime having apparently been his refusal to recant the very same views which Mr. Shillwell himself had hazarded in the speech for which he was recently rebuked by Mr. Callaghan and others.)

A score or more of other notorious mutineers had been bidden down below hatches. Indeed the Labour boat rocked so gently that the passengers grew bored and sleepy, awakened only rarely to attention by the barge-like courtesies which Labour Party delegates occasionally like to exchange.

Mr. Bevan, of course, made many an old Trade Unionist feel that he would be proud to do his turn at the barricades, if there were any barricades, and if only he were 20 years younger; and he got several laughs from the sort of mediocre joke which his fellow Socialist Mr. Hannon Swaffer would attempt to purge from any public variety act.

Then there was Doctor Dalton, whose reaction to the growing unpopularity of Socialism on the Continent has been instinctive and immediate.

Let us have no United Europe at all if there are to be Catholics and Conservatives and Radicals and all sorts of properly mixed up in it, says the Doctor, and proceeds to trot out Mr. Bevan's Southport speech of last year about the jolly old Empire, to the rapturous applause of Lord Beaverbrook's newspapers if not of the delegates.

M.P.'S WANT A LOOK AT THE MONEY

London, June 2.

When the Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, Mr. John Dugdale, reported in the House of Commons today that China had bought a cruiser and eight launches from Britain, a Member asked if cash had been paid "in view of the cash owed by the Chinese Government on the Canton claim."

The reference was to the claim for indemnity by Britain for damage caused when the British Consulate was set on fire in anti-British demonstrations in Canton in January this year.

Mr. Dugdale had told Mr. Piratin (Communist) that since his reply to a former question on March 3 about British ships loaned or transferred to China, there had been further negotiations with the Chinese Government.

As a result, the 5,200-ton cruiser Aurora and eight smaller defence motor launches which it was previously intended to transfer on loan with a view to eventual purchases, had been bought by the Chinese Government.

The 1,000-ton destroyer Mendip had been loaned for a period not exceeding five years.

When Mr. Piratin asked for the prices paid or the basis on which

the loan was made, Mr. Dugdale said it was not usual to disclose the terms on which ships were sold to foreign governments.

"Whether the transfer had resulted in cash being paid at this precise moment is another question, but we shall get full value for the money," Mr. Dugdale replied to Mr. Walter Fletcher (Conservative) who asked about the Canton claim.

Air Commodore A. V. Harvey (Conservative) said these ships would be "of far more use in Chinese waters than on the scrap-heaps of Britain's."

Mr. T. Scollan (Labour) suggested the impression had been created that the ships were being presented to a reactionary government.

Mr. Dugdale answered: "Nothing of the kind. There is no reason why we should not let a friendly country buy ships from us as China has done. I make no apology and I am glad we have been able to do it."—Reuter.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Just like many years ago in forefathers' time—white man come, steal um game!"

Soviet Wives

RETALIATION PLAN REJECTED

London, June 2.

The Government rejected a suggestion by Lord Vansittart that Britain should expel Russian wives in Britain in retaliation for the ban by the Soviet Government on Soviet-born wives joining their husbands in Britain.

Lord Pakenham, newly-appointed Minister of Civil Aviation, speaking for the Government, said: "The trouble about retaliation is that if it is a small retaliation, it will not influence the Russians on a point where they have dug their heels in. If it is a large retaliation you are running very close to the brink."

"If anyone would put forward some suggestion large enough to have effect but not large enough to start a world-wide conflagration, it would be considered."

Stating that Britain had made 18 approaches to the Russians on this subject, Lord Pakenham declared that the Soviet Government's attitude was "deplorable by any standards of civilisation or any principle of common humanity."

"I am afraid that I must issue a fair warning to these unfortunate husbands (who number about a dozen) that their chances of seeing their wives are very slender."

A suggestion that the balance of the British Aid-to-Russia fund—which Lord Vansittart estimated at £2,500,000—should be stopped, did not appeal to the Government, Lord Pakenham added.—Reuter.

Mr. Bevin Cautious On Palestine

London, June 2.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, commenting today on the acceptance by the Jews and Arabs of a four-weeks' cease-fire in Palestine, said he hoped there were no detailed conditions which would prevent the cease-fire operating and the discussions proceeding.

Mr. Bevin was referring, in the House of Commons, to indications that the acceptances were qualified.

The Foreign Minister said: "There are indications that there are qualifications in the acceptance, but I am not yet in possession of the full qualifications of both sides. No doubt these will come before the Security Council today."

He said the Government had kept in the closest possible touch with the other Commonwealth Governments in all these matters. "We are convinced it would be premature to express any further view or opinions about the form which the eventual settlement may take," he added. Britain would give the United Nations mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, "our utmost assistance in this task."

The Government, he said, was confident that there were many Jews and Arabs, a large majority of peaceful men and women, who would welcome nothing more than the prospect of a lasting and just peace. "We believe that if this can be brought about and the two peoples can live in harmony, it will play a great part in the economic development and progress so necessary throughout the Middle East."—Reuter.

Stafford Still Worried

London, June 2.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, warned today that Britain's import programme would have to be examined again if the prices other countries charged for their goods continued to rise and British export prices lagged further behind them.

Plainly concerned about the increase in the cost of imports, the Chancellor said he thought the governing factor in the whole situation would be the American internal prices level which, in turn, might be affected by the harvest.

"The big figures of imports for the months of March and April are not good news," he said. "The rise in exports, which are above the target rate in terms of volume, is good news. But we can draw no satisfaction from a state of affairs in which the visible results of our efforts to close the gap are so slow to appear."

The visible adverse balance for the half-year has been shaping at £160 million against the forecast of £87 million in the Government's Economic Survey.—Reuter.

MANILA REJECTS

Manila, June 2.

About 1,000 aliens who have been found by the authorities to be "undesirable" have been deported, repatriated or ordered to leave the country voluntarily by the local Immigration Bureau up to the end of this year, according to an official report submitted by the Commissioner of Immigration to the Secretary of Justice, it was reliably reported today.

Of the 889 foreigners deported, 829 were Chinese, 24 British Indians, 20 Okinawans, and 14 belonging to other nationalities.—Reuter.

"ENTIRELY WITHOUT PREJUDICE"

Occatamund, June 2.

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East adjourned discussion of the question of sending observers to the Commission after Russia accused the Secretary of discriminating against North Korea by inviting South Korea.

After Britain and France had queried the legality of admitting the Indonesian Republic to the Commission, Brigadier F. L. Hunt of New Zealand asked for clarification on a question of legality.

The Secretary then suggested a compromise.

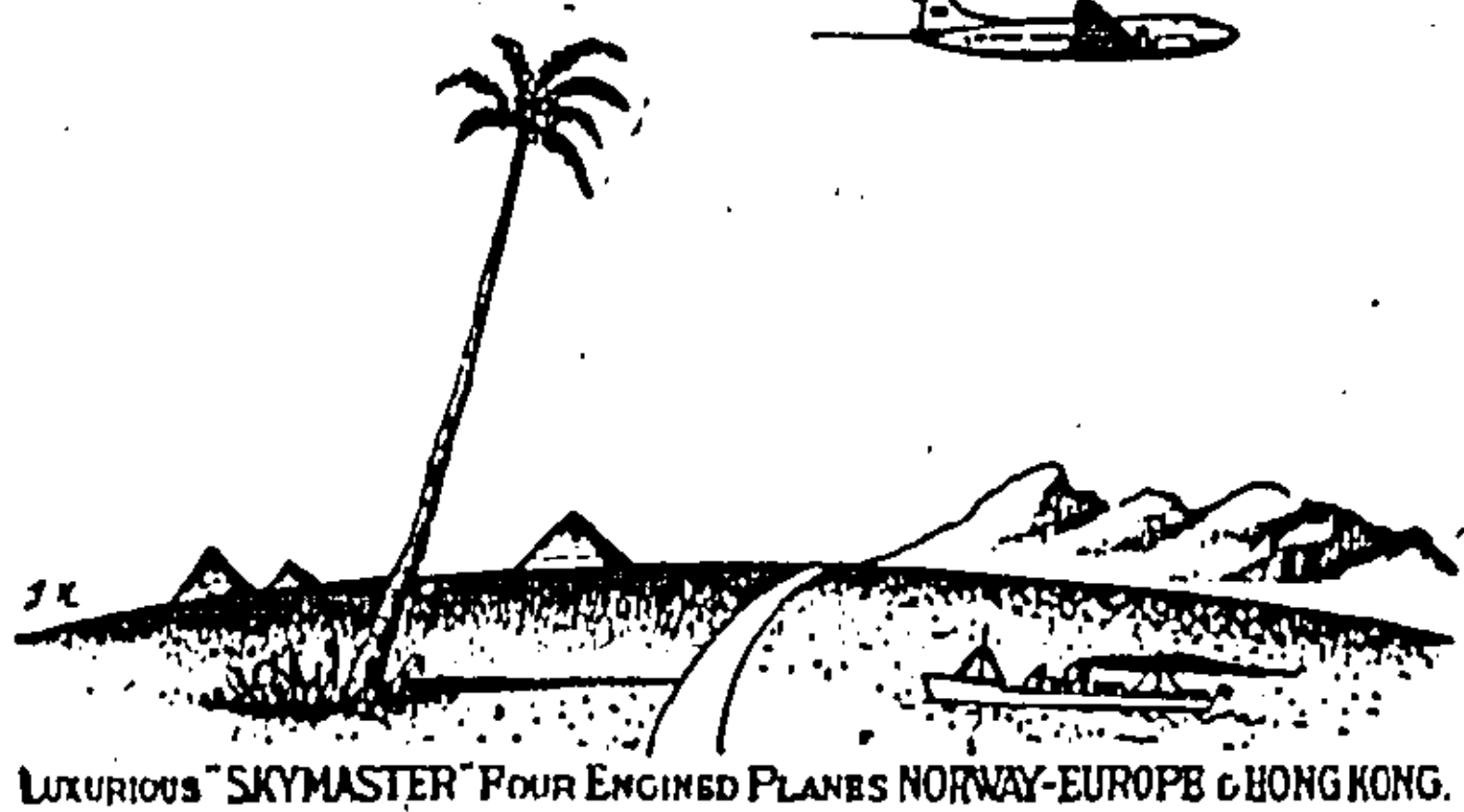
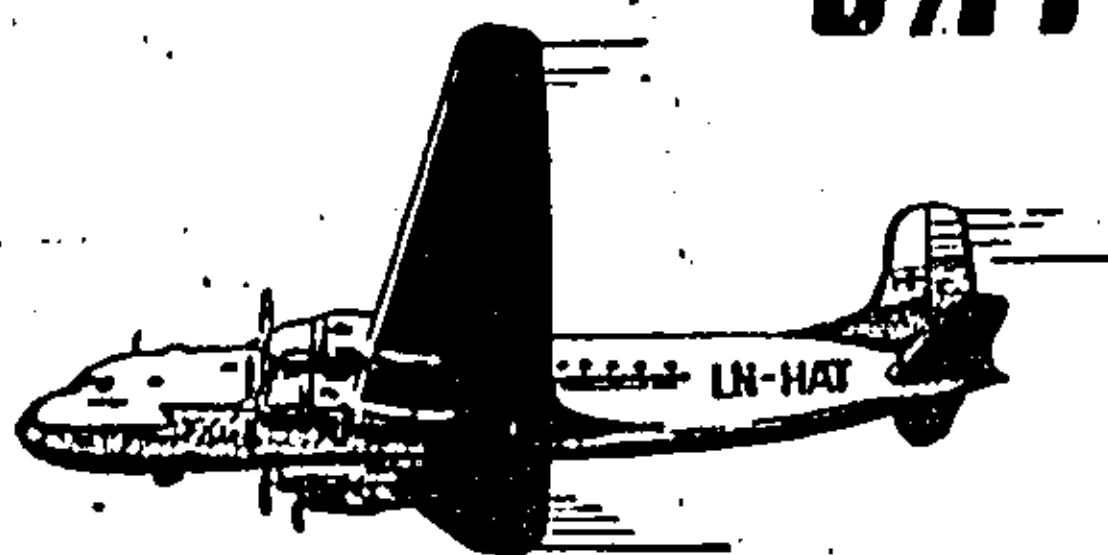
Russian delegate Novikov supported the Indonesian Republic's admission. "American Ambassador Henry Grady, opposing separate representation for the Republic, argued that 'encouragement of

economic separatism in the Netherlands would not meet economic unity."

India, reiterating her support of Indonesia, said the admission of the Republic would be entirely without prejudice to a political settlement there, emphasizing again the Renville agreement this year in which the Indonesian Republic was included in the Indian International Trade Organisation Commission with the Netherlands.

The Commission then adjourned until Thursday.—Associated Press.

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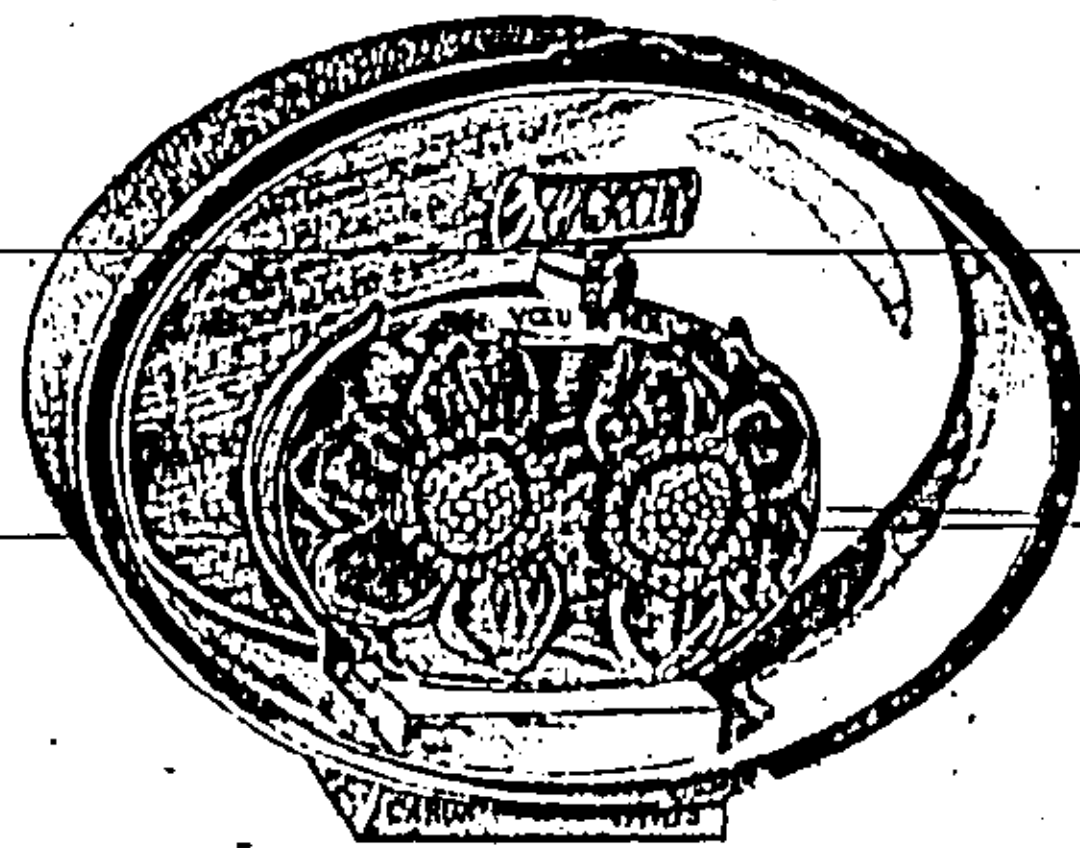
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Soviet: Alarming Menace To Security Of Country

Washington, June 2.

A record peacetime Army-Air Force Appropriation Bill was passed by the House of Representatives today and sent to the Senate. The measure provides \$6,509,939,000 for the two Services for the new fiscal year starting July 1.

The House of Representatives is due to debate tomorrow another record peacetime defence money bill—a \$3,686,733,250 measure financing the Navy for the next fiscal year.

The funds included for the Army, Navy and Air Force total \$10,196,672,250.

The House Appropriations Committee also called a meeting tomorrow morning to draft a measure financing the foreign aid programme.

The debate on the Army-Air Force bill lasted less than two hours and fewer than 50 Members took the floor during the discussion, which was confined to explanations of the bill's provisions.

The budget for \$10,196,672,250 had been recommended to Congress earlier today by the House Appropriations Committee. The total authorised strength is 1,786,500 men. This compares with the reported Soviet military strength of four million men, which the Army Chief of Staff, General Omar N. Bradley, told the Committee represented "an alarming menace to the security of the United States."

The recommendations were contained in two separate appropriation bills whose combined total is \$805 million greater than the Services are spending this year and more than three times as much as the regular budgets for the Armed Forces in 1941, when the United States was preparing for war.

Both sums recommended were in addition to about \$3,000,000 Congress recently gave the Services to buy aircraft.

New Ships

The Committee recommended a cut of 4.1 per cent or \$647,003,000 for the Army and Air Force from the amounts President Truman had asked.

The Navy bill furnished money to start work on a 55,000-ton aircraft carrier, the largest in the world, and on a "killer ship" to combat submarines, two high-speed submarines, and two "entirely new" submarines.

Also provided were funds to convert a carrier and two submarines into vessels whose nature was kept secret.

The Committee was told that Russia had at least 250 submarines.

The \$6,509,939,000 recommended for the Army and Air Force is intended to support a military force of 1,234,500 men (exclusive of the Navy and Marine Corps) and to finance an Air Force for which Congress has already this year provided approximately \$2,300,000,000.

Coupled with the funds remaining from previous appropriations, today's action makes available to the Army and Air Force for the year starting July 1 a total of \$12,438,731,320.

Iron Fist

The Army expects to have a strength of 540,000 men by July 1 and the Air Force 392,500, reaching their peak strength a year hence.

The estimates of Soviet Russia's armed strength were given to the Committee by General Bradley, who said: "The Soviet armed forces, with an approximate total of four million men and 14,000 planes, provide a substantial iron fist for the aggressive policies of Moscow."

"These forces are capable of swiftly overrunning most of Europe, the Near and Middle East, Korea and even China."

"These Soviet military capabilities, even when viewed apart from their intentions, present an alarming menace to the security of the United States."

"Never have we been in a greater need of a clearly defined and adequately supported military policy for the United States."

General Bradley said that if war came, the forces provided in the bill would be "only a plug in the dyke until we rallied sufficient and effective reserves."

The Secretary of Defence, Mr. James Forrestal, told the Committee the international situation had deteriorated and "time flows against us."

War Possibility

Many of the Army-Air Force cuts were aimed at civilian personnel and the Committee insisted the reduction would not impair the military's efficiency. The Committee promised that more money would be provided later if necessary.

General Bradley said the probability of armed hostilities between the United States and the Soviet Union is a plausible possibility so long as our armed forces face each other on opposing frontiers in this strained atmosphere of distrust and tension.

The Army Chief of Staff said that if the United States had to "step, skip and jump every time the Soviets rustle a paper we shall place ourselves hopelessly at their feet while they call the tune."

Mr. Kenneth Royal, the Army Secretary, professed an "abiding faith that in some honourable way our nation can avoid war." But he added a warning that under the present world conditions "we cannot risk the safety

Nazi Medical Men Hanged

Nuremberg, June 2.

Seven former German medical leaders, including Dr. Karl Brandt, one of Hitler's personal physicians, were hanged today at Landsberg, near Munich, for murder, atrocities and other inhumane acts.

The charges arose from the Nazi genocide programme and so-called medical experiments in high-altitude conditions, freezing, typhus and other "tests" at Dachau and other concentration camps.—Reuter.

of our country either on the assumption that war will not come at all or that it will be deferred for any particular number of years."

The Chief of the Army Field Forces, General Jacob D. Dyer, bluntly told the Committee the existing military strength was inadequate. "We have been working on a shoe-string," he said.

Air Training

The Committee also recommended a \$381 million programme to build up the civilian reserves of the Army and Air Force. The National Guard quota is \$240 million, the organised Other Ranks and Officers Reserves \$100 million, and the Reserve Officers Training Corps \$21 million for its courses in schools and colleges.

The total is \$133,975 larger than Congress voted last year for the civilian branches.

The Air National Guard is aiming at 341,000 men in 551 units. The money approved for the Reserve Officers Training Corps would allow of 30,000 students to take advanced officer training work.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL FRANK ON FLEET MOVES

Washington, June 2.

The United States Fleet now in the Mediterranean is there for the dual purpose of warning "would-be trouble makers" not to try to overrun any of the free countries of Europe and to be ready to remove American forces if the worse came to the worst.

This was disclosed today in testimony released by the House of Representatives, which was given two weeks ago by the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, who said the Mediterranean Fleet of one carrier, three cruisers and 10 destroyers could be augmented quickly.

A 12-ship task force headed by the carrier Kearsage left Norfolk, Virginia, late yesterday to relieve the vessels now on duty in the Mediterranean.

"Not only is the presence of our ships in certain troubled spots of the world today a clear indication to would-be trouble makers of our determination to maintain the peace," Admiral Denfeld said, "it is also the means, and the only means, we

possess, whereby we may act swiftly to prevent the overrunning of critical areas by an enemy."

"All the ships we have in the forward areas are manned with sufficient men to act in any emergency. The reason we have this task force in the Mediterranean is to be available in the event that our occupation forces have to be evacuated."

"We have, in Europe, occupation forces in Germany, in Trieste, we have missions in Greece and Turkey; and these ships are there to be able not only to evacuate these personnel in case of an emergency, but also as a show of force to prevent any nation from taking any action which they might take if our ships were not there."

Other testimony showed the Army planned to use 272,000 men overseas and 518,000 at home. Its mobile striking force here would include three infantry divisions, an armoured division, an airborne division, two regiments of armoured cavalry, four regimental combat teams, 12 field artillery battalions, 40 anti-aircraft battalions, two chemical mortar battalions, and supporting forces.—Reuter.

RAF GROUNDED

Salisbury, June 2.

Because a strong breeze was blowing over Salisbury Plain today the Royal Air Force for the second day was unable to stage its demonstration for senior officers attending a course at the RAF school of land-air warfare at Salisbury.

The staging of tomorrow's show will again depend on weather conditions.—Reuter.

London, June 2.

The Russian news agency, Tass, reported tonight that the Hungarian Government today recognised Israel. The report was distributed in London by the Soviet monitor.—Associated Press.

GLUBB PASHA'S STATUS

London, June 2.

The status of Brigadier Glubb Pasha, the British Commander of the Arab Legion, was explained by Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons today.

A Labour Member, Mr. Emrys Hughes, a critic of Mr. Bevin's foreign policy, asked on what conditions Brigadier Glubb Pasha had been loaned or seconded to King Abdullah, and what instructions had been given to this officer recently.

The Foreign Secretary replied that Brigadier Glubb Pasha was, up to May 15, an officer in the Colonial Administrative Service seconded to Transjordan from the Palestine Administration. At the end of the mandate, he had, like other British officers of the Arab Palestine Administration, the choice of leaving the Colonial Service or of being considered for employment elsewhere in that Service.

He had chosen to sever his connections with the Service and had remained in the employment of the Transjordan Government.

Mr. Hughes: Has the Foreign Secretary any information whether this officer has been directing military operations in Palestine?

Mr. Bevin replied that he must have notice of that question.—Reuter.

Must Go On Paying Debts

Washington, June 3.

European countries must continue to pay their debts to the U.S. even though they are receiving E.R.P. aid, the Secretary of the Treasury, John Snyder, said today.

Snyder told the Senate Appropriations Committee that it "would not be wise to declare a debt moratorium."

Such a move, he said, "would impair the credit standing of these countries and so make it more difficult for them to secure finance from private sources now or in the future."

He estimated that after 1952, the European countries "should be able to operate their economies without extraordinary assistance from the United States."

Snyder appeared before the committee to ask for an aid appropriation of \$4,245,000,000. The full E.R.P. programme will call for expenditures estimated at \$5,300,000,000.—Associated Press.

Youngsters Get To England

Northolt, June 3.

Two fair-haired boys, left in Prague by their parents, told their grandfather, who was looking after them, that they were going for a walk. They took sandwiches and walked a long way—as far as the United States zone frontier of Germany.

There, Mila, aged 10 and Jan, aged eight, said: "We want to go to mum and dad. They have left us and gone to England."

The American authorities put them into an aircraft and last night they arrived at Northolt and were met by their parents. Their father, a major with the free Czech forces during the war, and their mother cried with joy when they saw them tumbling out of the plane. "We still have relatives in Prague and it would be most unwise to give my name," said the father.—Reuter.

Moscow Sour

Moscow, June 2.

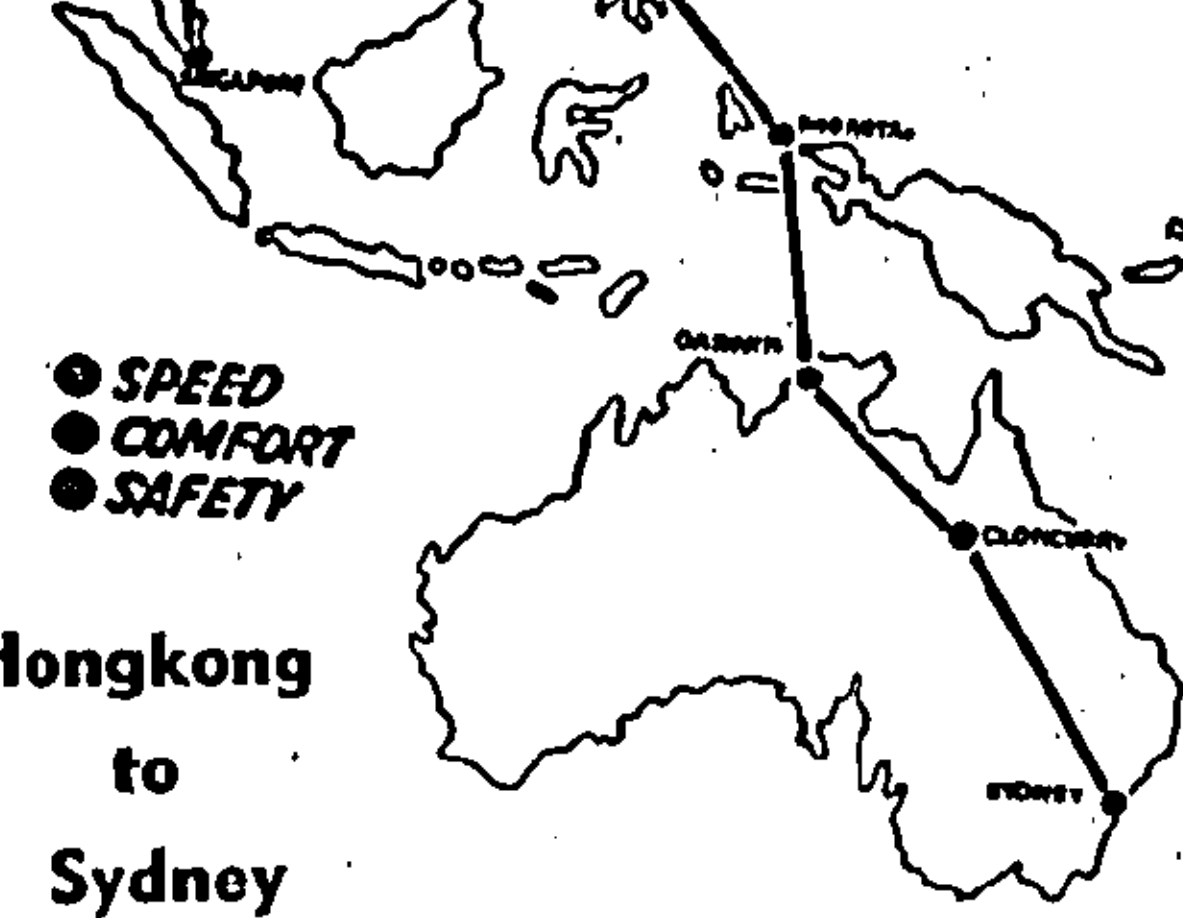
The main Japanese war criminals had escaped trial and walked about free, Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party's newspaper, claimed today.

The paper said the chief culprits were the heads of Japanese industrial monopoly concerns. It severely criticised the "unfair attitude" of the American counsel at the International War Crimes Court in Tokyo and said the 28 defendants now on trial did not exhaust the chief Japanese war criminals.

"It is quite obvious that many of the chief war criminals have been hidden from trial and are at large instead of being in the dock"—Reuter.

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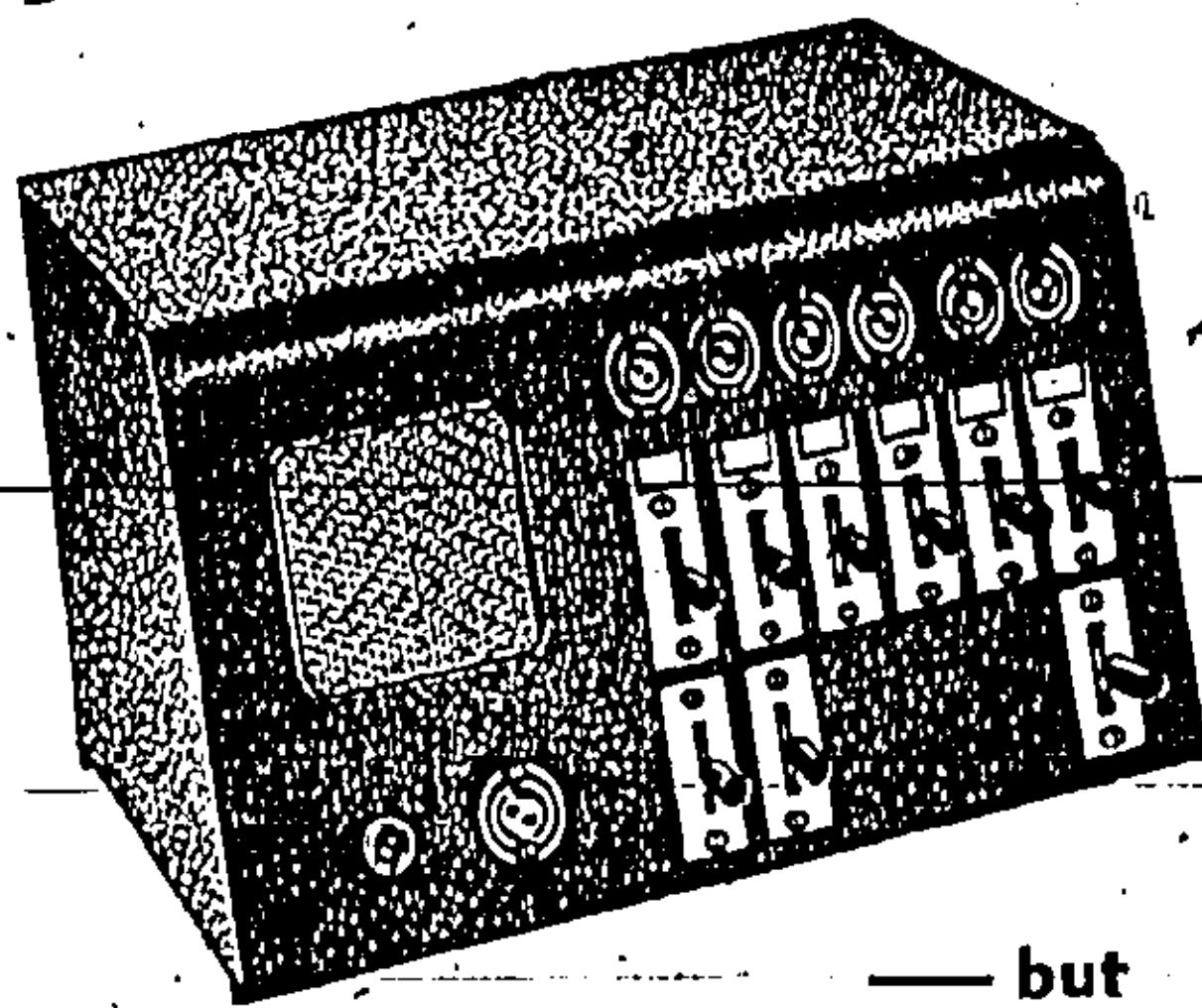
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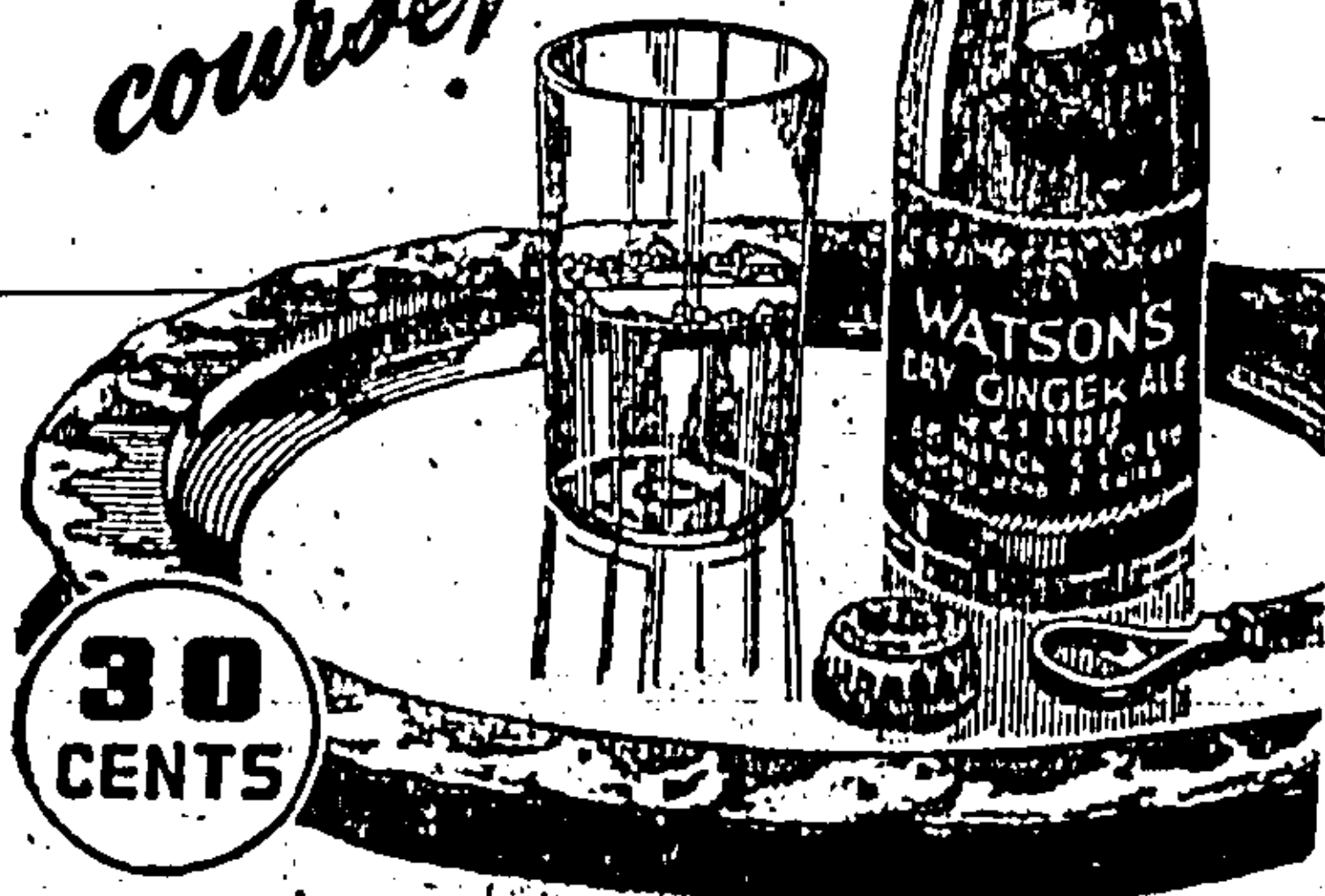
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While the cinema season 1947-48 is nearing its end, a new and promising star was introduced to a West End audience in "CORRIDOR OF MIRRORS."

Edna Romney is the name of this exciting newcomer to British films, a beautiful brunette with strong photogenic qualities. She is co-starred with one of the best known leading men in British films, Eric Portman. His distinct gift for the tense, psycho-pathic type of character fits him precisely for the part of a strange figure obsessed by a 400-year-old Renaissance portrait of a woman. While he identifies himself with the girl's lover, he believes Mifanwy Conway (played by Edna Romney) to be the reincarnation of the woman in the painting.

It is Paul's habit to watch pretty girls disguised in Renaissance costumes in a hall of mirrors in his palatial London mansion. Learning that she is not the first to come under Paul's spell, Mifanwy challenges him and hears the story of the portrait. She uses the opportunity of a carnival staged by him, to break off their relationship and to tell him she has become engaged to another man.

When Paul tells her that the lover of the girl in the painting strangled her with her own hair when thwarted, she flees. Later, the portrait is found slashed, while in the next room another girl, who had been in love with

Paul, lies strangled. Paul is sentenced to death. Years later Mifanwy receives threatening letters and arranges to meet the anonymous sender by Paul's wax model at Madame Tussaud's famous waxworks show in London. At this secret meeting the real murderer of Caroline and the sender of the letters is revealed and subsequently killed in an accident.

The Sociological Side

If "Corridor of Mirrors" can be classified as psychological melodrama, "ESCAPE" can be defined as a sociological melodrama. The film, made in British studios by an American company, 20th Century-Fox, is a modern and rather freely adapted screen version of the late John Galsworthy's famous and provocative stage play. Its director, Joseph L. Mankiewicz, is American while the cast, like the famous deceased playwright, is British. The cast is led by Rex Harrison, the actor whom audiences everywhere have so far seen and loved for the playboy charm in his personality.

They will find him here, for a change, in a thoroughly serious part—as the man who breaks out of Dartmoor Prison, in the South of England. He brings to life the young, good humoured ex-officer of Britain's Royal Air Force, Matt Denton, who, after a day at the races, is asked by a thief for a light while on a stroll in Hyde Park. A detective charges her with soliciting and Matt, coming to her aid, accidentally kills the police officer in a scuffle. He is sentenced to three years' imprisonment for manslaughter.

Nazis And Their Loot

"SNOWBOUND," too, has a fine cast as its main asset, though the story is less convincing. It tells of a struggle for Nazi loot believed to be hidden in a lonely Alpine hut. A strange assortment of people find themselves in this hut for the purpose of getting the buried gold. Neil Blair (Dennis Price) ostensibly a scriptwriter, is sent there from London by film director Derek Engles (Robert Newton), on the trail of the loot during World War II. A German officer disguised as a Greek, Keramikes (Herbert Lom) wants the gold to help the Nazis, Carla Bonetti (Mila Parely) and Stefan Valdin (Marcel Dalio) wish to have it for their own use, and Gilbert Mayne (Guy Middleton), a British Army deserter, desires it for some undefined purpose. Only

Joe Wesson (Stanley Holloway), who accompanies Blair as cameraman, knows nothing about it. The plot of the film is based on the way these characters fight out their quarrels and suspicions. But none of them obtain the gold.

Spring Song

"SPRING IN PARK LANE" differs widely in type and purpose from all the other pictures previewed recently. It is light, romantic comedy, and millions of picturegoers who enjoy this type of entertainment, undoubtedly will like this film. It is carried by the now famous star team of Anna Neagle and Michael Wilding; the third, but by no means the least of the team, being producer-director Herbert Wilcox, who began this fascinating series of screen successes with "I Live in Grosvenor Square," followed by "Piccadilly Incident" and continued with "The Courtneys of Curzon Street."

In "Spring in Park Lane," however, the accent is on gaiety. We meet Anna Neagle as Judy, niece and secretary to an art-collecting diamond king. A young lord, Richard (Michael Wilding), finds it necessary to become a footman (temporarily), and during his service with Joshua Howard (Tom Walls), falls in love with the latter's niece, Judy. Tough competition for Judy's favour is expressed by his own brother, a marquis, and a concealed film actor. Other complications arise when some gangsters try to sell a faked painting to Howard, but Richard outwits the crooks, finds that his own masquerade was unnecessary, wins Judy and all ends happily. Thus we have seen that right to the end of the existing season of 1947-48, a continuous flow of new British films is reaching the London screens and subsequently will reach those of the world. With the spring, a new season will open, and numerous promising British productions are already waiting for the arrival of their first nights.

"End of the River"



"END OF THE RIVER": After Manoel (Sabu) is acquitted on the charge of manslaughter, his old friend Chico takes him and his wife Teresa (Bibi Ferreira) away from the town. The couple are seeking again the simple life of their village into which they were born. (Archers Production)

John Agar To You

By PATRICIA CLARY

It's turning out that when Shirley Temple fell in love with handsome John Agar, she was only about three years ahead of the rest of the gals. She's going to have to share him now with swooning bobby-soxers all over the country. Her husband has turned into a matinee idol.

Agar was just a lucky Army

Air Corps sergeant when he wooed and won Miss Temple, America's favourite baby star. David O. Selznick figured that if Shirley liked him, other girls might, and signed him to an acting contract.

Now, after a year's dramatic training, Agar is making his movie debut opposite his wife in "Fort Apache." The studio thinks he'll have as big an edge over other male stars with movie fans as he did with Shirley.

Lead Type

Agar is six feet two inches tall. He weighs a solid 185 pounds. His hair is brown and wavy, his eyes are blue, and his chin juts out firmly. The young pair and their infant daughter, Linda Susan, live in Shirley's former playhouse next door to her parents' home. Agar pays all the household bills.

In "Fort Apache" Agar plays a West Point subaltern who romances his commanding officer's daughter—played by Mrs. Agar. Agar realizes he's handicapped by being unknown while his wife is one of the world's most famous stars. But he's determined to make a career on his own and he says his wife is a real help to him.

STAR THEATRE

"THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES" will be showing at the Star Theatre for three days and owing to the length of the film patrons are asked to check performance starting times with announcements in the daily press.

SHADOWS BEFORE

"THE END OF THE RIVER" (King's)

Stars: Sabu, Bibi Ferreira.

Story: There is more theme than story in this unusual film from the studios of J. Arthur Rank. The bare plot concerns a young North Brazilian Arekuna Indian who, because he cannot revenge the killing of his family, is outlawed from the tribe. He wanders into the jungle, and the rest concerns his adventures and disillusionments. He meets and marries Teresa (Bibi Ferreira), an Indian girl who is housekeeper to a cruel camp boss, Dantes (Esmond Knight). The story is told in flashbacks through the mouths of the witnesses during Manoel's trial for a murder which released him from the primitive bondage of outlawry. He is acquitted and returns to the tribe with Teresa, having realised that the ways of the white man and jungle law are incompatible. The film will inevitably be compared with Thorold Dickinson's "Men of Two Worlds," and like that, was shot in the actual surroundings. The team of Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger are the producers of this Archers Production. (J. Arthur Rank).

"IF YOU KNEW SUSIE" (Queen's)

Stars: Eddie Cantor, Joan Davis.

Story: Cantor fans will love this. Sam (Eddie Cantor) and Susie (Joan Davis) are ex-vaudevillians who return to their native New England town to let their children have "the chance they didn't get." The staid New Englanders definitely disapprove when they propose to turn the old state home into a night club. They stay away in droves, and the Parkers go broke. At an auction of the nightclub they discover a letter from George Washington to a remote ancestor promising them the equivalent of seven billion dollars. Washington confirms the authenticity of the letter, and agrees to pay up. All ends happily, even for Washington and New England. (R.K.O. Radio).

"GREEN DOLPHIN STREET" (Queen)

Stars: Lana Turner, Van Heflin, Richard Hart.

Story: Most of the story is set against the background of New Zealand in the 19th Century. Two sisters living in Channel Islands, Marianne Patourel (Lana Turner) and Marguerite (Donna Reed), fall in love with William O'zanne (Richard Hart). Marianne's forcefulness parts him from Marguerite, whom he loves, and gets him into the Royal Navy. Stranded in China after a shipwreck, he is taken to New Zealand by the captain of the Green Dolphin. As a fugitive from English law he meets another, Timothy Haslam (Van Heflin), and during one of their drunken bouts writes to Marianne and asks her to come out to marry him, mistaking the name for that of Marguerite. She comes, and they start their life together. Earthquakes, Maori uprisings, a tidal wave and Timothy's bitter presence are Marianne's lot. However, she and William find their love for each other when they return to the Channel Islands, and Marguerite has gone into the Church for solace. This is action-packed drama, with plenty of scenic effects. (M-G-M).

"THE ROYAL WEDDING—PRESENTS"

This excellent short feature will be shown in Hong Kong next week. Produced by Castle Rank Organisation, it is more or less a sequel to "The Royal Wedding." It takes the audience on a half-hour tour of the magnificent array of gifts given to Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, displayed after the wedding in St. James' Palace. Of special interest, of course, are the presents given by the Royal Family, and the Princess's wedding gown. The colour and commentary are excellent, even though they necessarily lack the animation that brought to life the story of the "Wedding." (J. Arthur Rank).

"ONE NIGHT WITH YOU" (Queen's)

Stars: Patricia Roc, Nino Martini.

Story: This is a new departure for Two Cities films, but the fact that the screenplay is by those masters of whimsy, C. Graham and S. J. Simon, should explain a lot. Mary Santel (Patricia Roc) a young English girl engaged to marry an Englishman, is in Italy with her father. On the way to her fiancé, she is stranded penniless on an Italian station with famous tenor Giulio Morris (Nino Martini), who has missed the train and lost his baggage with it. They sing for their supper, but are thrown into jail through a mischance, from whence they are rescued by Mary's father, her fiancé and an imposing playing Giulio. Love has flourished meanwhile, even in an Italian jail (Two Cities).

Current Shows

QUEEN'S—"Adventure Island" (Paramount). Rory Colhoun in a rousing Robert Louis Stevenson story.

LEE—"On the Sungari River." Chinese Picture, with dialogue in Mandarin.

KING'S—"The Ghost and Mrs. Muir" (20th Century Fox). Haunting story of a beautiful widow and a sea-captain's ghost.

CENTRAL—"Captains Courageous" (M-G-M). Reprint of the film of Rudyard Kipling's immortal story.

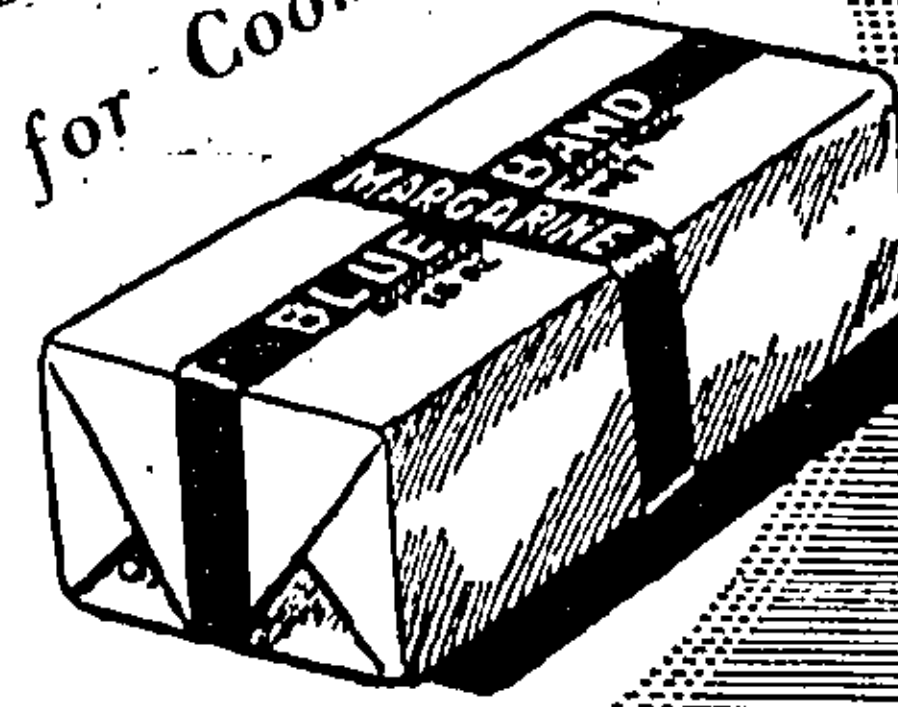
"Green Dolphin Street"



"GREEN DOLPHIN STREET": Marianne (Lana Turner) and William O'zanne (Richard Hart) listen while bitter Timothy Haslam (Van Heflin) argues with them. The film is set in the early settlements of New Zealand. (M-G-M).

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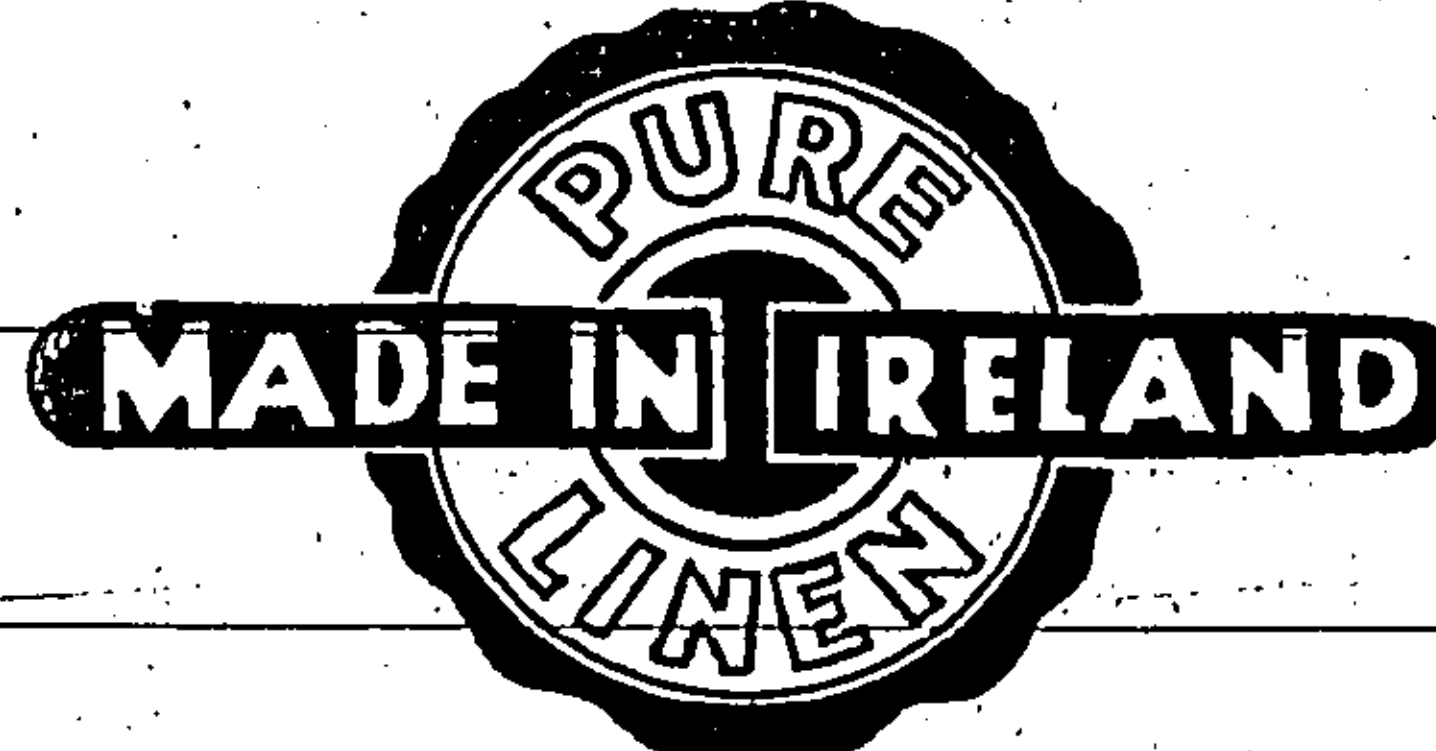
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DEATH PENALTY BACK AGAIN: THE LORDS THROW VITAL CLAUSE OUT OF THE BILL

London, June 2.

The House of Lords tonight throw out from the Criminal Justice Bill the clause suspending the death penalty for a trial period of five years. As predicted, they sent the Bill back to the House of Commons, without the clause, by 181 votes to 28.

The Bill, reforming the British penal system, had been passed by the Commons last April. The death penalty clause had been inserted in the Bill by the Commons on a free (non-party) vote. The Government, although strongly opposed to abolition because of the post-war crime wave, gave its Members a free choice, because it felt it was not a party matter but one of conscience.

The House of Lords, vote was also a free one, but with a majority of Conservative (Opposition) peers, a rejection of the clause had been regarded as a foregone conclusion.

The Bill now goes back to the House of Commons for reconsideration and the Government now has the paradoxical position of upholding a decision it had originally opposed. It has stated it will stand by the decision of the House of Commons.

It has been suggested in political quarters here, Reuters Parliamentary correspondent wrote, that a crisis between the two Houses may be avoided by a compromise such as the retention of the death penalty for a second murder.

Lord Goddard, Lord Chief Justice, strongly opposing abolition, raised a "most important constitutional issue"—whether convicted murderers who had been reprieved since the House of Commons' decision would continue to be reprieved if the clause did not become law.

He was referring to the Home Secretary's announcement after the House of Commons decision to suspend the death penalty—that until the Bill became law convicted murderers would be reprieved. Lord Goddard mentioned several murderers who had been reprieved since the decision of the House of Commons, including James Camb, "the steward who murdered a young woman on a liner and threw her body into shark-infested seas."

He added that if the clause did not become law, future murderers might have a "very legitimate grievance." They might say: "Why is the law to be put into force against me if before the law was altered these people were let off capital punishment?"

Answering this point, the Lord Chancellor, Viscount Jowitt, said that when the Home Secretary made his announcement there was a prospect of a change in the law taking place in the near future.

If, however, the Lords rejected the clause that prospect might disappear. Obviously, that would be held a new set of circumstances which must receive fresh consideration.

Rubber Estate Strikes

Singapore, June 2.

Seventy-nine labourers were ejected today from the Kluang Rubber Estate. Four hundred police ejected the strikers while 400 troops stood by.

Contrary to expectations, the ejections were carried out without incident. Police escorted 54 Indian strikers and 28 Chinese off the estate. They seized several hundred cutting knives and other potential weapons from the remaining strikers.

No Deterrent
Lord Chorley, whose post in the Government is a Lord-in-Waiting, winding up the debate from the Government front bench, surprised the House of Lords by declaring that he was President of the National Society for the Abolition of the Death Penalty. He strongly advocated abolishing the death penalty.

"I regret to say that the judges who administer the Criminal Law are regarded by most penal reformers as their worst feature," he said, referring to the fact that most judges were against abolition. "Most judges were not deeply versed in the science of penology. It is clear from any statistical investigation that the great mass of these crimes are not premeditated. More than half were sexual cases or cases where a man murdered his wife or mistress in passion. Hanging does not deter a man from that sort of thing."—Reuter.

Believes In Christianity Rebirth

Shanghai, June 2.

An appeal to China to preserve her centuries old culture and traditions was made here today by Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen, American world famous radio speaker, in an address here before an international gathering.

"I always believe that the rebirth of Christianity in the world will come in China," said M. Sheen, who is a member of Cardinal Spellman's party, at present visiting this country. "Europe has lost faith but not entirely," he added.

M. Sheen, who held his audience spellbound for over one hour condemned Communism in vigorous terms.

"Communism is not anything new," he declared. "It is the death of a dying civilisation. It is rotten capitalism. It does not mark an era or beginning."

Cardinal Spellman, at a press conference, expressed the pleasure that from impressions he had gathered during his tour of the city's Catholic schools and welfare centres, the Chinese Government appreciates the work of foreign missionaries for the Chinese people and realises that there is no ulterior motive in their coming, except for the love of God.—Reuter.

GRAND DUCHESS EMIGRATES

Liverpool, June 2.

The Grand Duchess Olga Alexandrovna, last surviving member of the Russian Royal Family and the younger sister of Tsar Nicholas II, sailed from here tonight on the Empress of Canada as an ordinary emigrant.

The Grand Duchess, described on the passenger list as "housewife and artist," is going to Canada to look for a new home, accompanied by her husband, Colonel Kolikowsky, two married sons with their wives, two grandchildren aged seven and five, and an 83-year-old maid-companion.

The Grand Duchess had a 50-acre farm in Denmark where she sought refuge in 1920.

"We sold the farm and are now going to Ontario to look for a dairy farm and a permanent home," she said. "Several of her paintings have been exhibited in Denmark and London."—Reuter.

Interpreters To Go Into Retreat

Tokyo, June 3.

Sixty interpreters are preparing to go into confinement about mid-June to write judgments on Tojo and his 24 co-defendants in Japanese language they can understand, it was learned today.

By the middle of this month it is expected that the fate of the major war criminals will be known to a handful of people in Japan, but strictest precaution will be taken to ensure secrecy.

Once the translators begin their work, they will lead a life of utter confinement, unable to communicate with the outside world in any circumstance until the verdict is announced in court.

Depending upon the time required for translations, the verdict is expected around late July or early August.—Reuter.

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Arrivals	Sailings
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For	Date	Vessel
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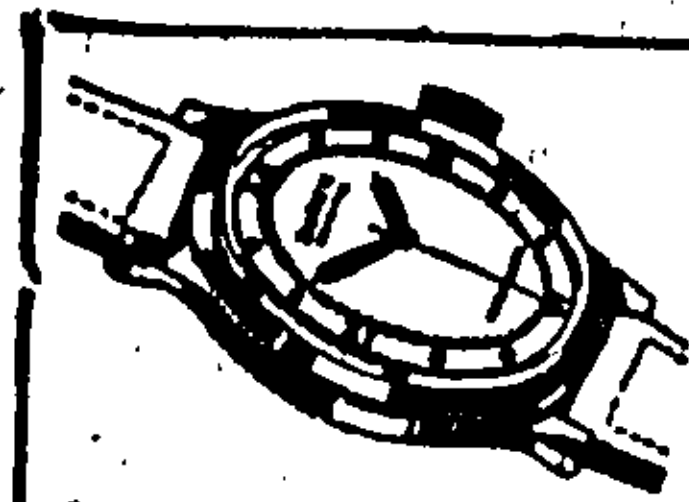
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NEWCOMER BREAKS HK BACK STROKE RECORD MRS. ROSE MAKES FINE DEBUT

Mrs. Mykke Rose, former international swimmer, making her initial appearance in local swimming circles yesterday, bettered the Colony's 100 yds. Back Stroke record by a full 5 seconds in an exhibition swim.

Mykke Rose swam with a beautiful and easy glide, and would have returned a much better time if she had been extended to the utmost.

Development Of W. Germany

Washington, June 2.

The United States and the leading countries of Europe announced today provisional agreement on plans for the future development of Western Germany.

It is reported to include full German participation in the European Recovery Program.

The State Department made a brief joint announcement and expressed the hope that the agreements would be formally approved "at an early date" by all the governments involved.—Reuter.

Marchers Picket White House

Washington, June 3.

The White House was picketed today by 3,100 marchers who are opposed to the Mundt-Nixon Anti-Communist Bill before the Congress and want civil rights legislation.

Marching four abreast, the pickets slowly moved down the two blocks in front of the White House, and then back again.

Tearing down all the others was singular Paul Robeson, who helped organize the movement. Robeson told the Senate Judiciary Committee last Saturday he would rather go to jail than answer a question as to whether he is a Communist.

The crowd marched orderly, and without incident. They once started to chant but White House police quickly stopped them because it is against regulations to chant.

Robeson told reporters the decision to picket the White House was made because President Harry Truman had refused to see members of their delegation.—Associated Press.

KUOMINTANG EYES ON HONG KONG?

London, June 2.

According to today's London Times, a campaign by the Chinese Government against Hong Kong, based on the demand for the retrocession of British "rights" there, will be intensified if the Kuomintang becomes a "stable" Government.

"Hong Kong is vulnerable to two-fold pressure," the Times' special correspondent in Hong Kong wrote. "A blockade from the mainland would soon cause its entrepot trade to wither. It would then be easy for a hostile regime across the frontier to infiltrate and gain control of the Chinese labour on which both the port and the public services depend."

"The Kuomintang has never concealed its opinion that British rule constitutes an infringement of Chinese sovereignty."

"A strong Communist regime on the mainland would be quite as insistent as the Kuomintang on the retrocession of British rights."

"The British policy towards China in this respect since the end of the war has been marked by conciliation," the Times' special correspondent continued.

"Kuomintang agencies and newspapers have been allowed to function in the colony without interference. More recently, to help the Chinese Government control the flow of illicit goods, the two Governments signed an agreement permitting Chinese customs officials to operate in the colony."

"These, and many other expressions of goodwill, have not been appreciated by the Chinese Government."

Voiled Hostility

"On the contrary, their attitude has been marked by a thinly veiled hostility, by attempts to infiltrate their own party control into the colony, and by any measures that could embarrass the local administration."

"If the Kuomintang recovers its position and becomes a strong and stable Government, this campaign against Hong Kong will be intensified."

"There has been no declaration of policy and intentions towards Hong Kong since the end of the war."

"Many British residents have long felt that the Government should publicly announce its intentions of staying in the island until the lease expires in 1947."—Reuter.

TENNIS LEAGUE RESULTS

At Cox's Road yesterday, Kowloon Cricket Club "A" defeated Indian Recreation Club by seven sets to two in a First Division League Tennis match.

(K.C.C.)—G. Chos and K. Kotewall.

lost to S. A. Rungjahn and H. D. Rungjahn 5-7.

beat I. M. A. Ruzack and O. R. Sadick 0-1.

beat I. Kitchell and K. M. Rungjahn 0-3.

(L. Stokes and Kenneth Lo (K.C.C.))—

beat Rungjahn and Rungjahn 6-2.

beat Ruzack and Sadick 0-1.

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W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)—

lost to Rungjahn and Rungjahn 4-6.

beat Ruzack and Sadick 0-0.

beat Kitchell and Rungjahn 0-0.

REGREIO V KCC "B"

At King's Park, Regreio defeated Kowloon Cricket Club "B" by 6½ sets to 2½ sets.

A. V. Remedios and R. A. Marques (Regreio)—

lost to R. O. Baker and T. E. Baker 4-0.

beat A. E. P. Guest and A. Brown 0-4.

beat A. Fung and J. C. Fenton 0-4.

H. F. Goncalves and J. J. Remedios (Regreio)—

lost to Baker and Baker 2-6.

beat Guest and Brown 7-5.

beat Fung and Fenton 6-2.

G. A. Noronha and A. M. Alves (Regreio)—

drew with Baker and Baker 6-6.

beat Guest and Brown 0-3.

beat Fung and Fenton 6-0.

H.K.C.C. v C.R.C. "B"

Playing at home, Hong Kong Cricket Club beat Chinese Recreation Club by 5½ sets to 3½ sets in the First Division of the Lawn Tennis League.

B. T. M. Jones and L. Goldman (H.K.C.C.)—

drew with S. L. Ma and W. L. Wu 6-6.

drew with K. M. Au and K. C. Lau 6-6.

beat W. K. Ma and S. K. Wong 6-4.

T. J. Gould and P. D. M. Dow (H.K.C.C.)—

beat Ma and Wu 6-3.

lost to Au and Lau 4-6.

beat Ma and Wong 6-2.

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beat Ma and Wong 7-5.

Game Postponed

The game between Chinese Recreation Club "A" and South China was postponed at the request of the latter team.

TODAY'S GAMES

The following are today's League tennis games—

REGREIO v C.R.C.

K.C.C. v L.R.C.

DOBSON GETS SIX MONTHS

Shanghai, June 3.

William Thomas Dobson, 20-year-old Australian who gave his occupation as "reporter," was given a six-month prison term, suspended for two years, by the District Court yesterday for obtaining CN\$150,000 worth of merchandise from the Wing On Department Store on false pretenses.

At the hearing, Mr. O.C.W. Fuhrman, the Australian Consul-General, told the Presiding Judge he would undertake to provide the accused with his release with passage to Australia.—Reuter.

BOWLS TEAMS

The following players have been selected to represent the Filipino Club in a 2nd Division Lawn Bowls League match at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow against Club de Reunio "A" on the latter's green:

J. W. Lee, C. F. Lee, H. Y. Hui, and W. V. Field (skip).

John Cotton, J. Laidlaw, Dr. Alfenz, and V. Chittenden (skip).

F. J. Rodriguez, L. S. Da Silva, W. Ogley, and Dan Rozario (skip).

Reserves: Y. Abbas, J. Delgado, Dean, I. B. Castro.

Players and reserves are requested to meet at the Filipino Club at 8.15 p.m. sharp.

OLYMPIC TORCH

Geneva, June 2.

Swiss athletes are training to carry the Olympic flame across the 201 kilometres of Swiss territory in time for the London Olympic Games.

The flame, handed from torch to torch across Europe, will reach the Swiss frontier at Gondo below the 6,000 Simpson Pass, late in the evening of July 25.—Reuter.

MASAKA'S EASY WIN IN THE OAKS

Epsom, June 3.

The Oaks was won today by Masaka, with Angelola second and Folie III third. Twenty-five horses ran.

Masaka won by six lengths with three lengths separating second and third.

The starting was 17 to 1 against Masaka, 20 to 1 against Angelola and 25 to 1 against Folie III.

Tosaro was fourth, Arlo Star and Goblet started joint 4 to 1 favourites.—Reuter.

Middlesex Out For 195 At Lord's

London, June 2.

Rain again interfered with county cricket matches in various parts of the country today. There was no play in the matches between Northamptonshire and Gloucestershire at Northampton, and Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire at Nottingham.

Lancashire Beats The Clock

London, June 2.

Middlesex, the County cricket champions, have lost their place at the top of the championship table for the first time this season. Derbyshire, who beat Glamorgan yesterday and have won their last three games, lead with 52 points from six matches.

Middlesex obtained 48 points from wins in their first four games but have taken no reward from their last two matches.

Lancashire took first innings points from the champions at Lord's yesterday.

Against the Middlesex total of 102 Lancashire beat the clock by six minutes in their fight for points.

Another exciting race was at the Oval where Gloucestershire, after sending in Surrey, were beaten on first innings on stroke of time by two runs and Surrey took eight points as rain had reduced the match to one day.

Jim Laker, Surrey's Yorkshire-born off-spinner, won points by clean bowling both Lambert and Cook in the last over of the day when each was trying for the winning hit.—Reuter.

AMERICA OPENS THE GATES

Washington, June 2.

The Senate, after more than 11 hours of continuous debate, tonight passed legislation to admit to the US up to 200,000 European war refugees in the two years starting July 1.

The bill is designed to admit war refugees over and above immigration quotas. It provides that at least one half the persons admitted must have followed agricultural pursuits and follow that vocation in this country.—Associated Press.

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POLICE OFFICER FAREWELLED

Sub-Inspector Wendell Morris, who has been invalided out of the H.K. Police Force after 18 years service, was the recipient of a silver tea service from his colleagues in a ceremony at the Police Canteen at Central last night.

S.I. Morris is leaving for home in the "Orbita".

IRISH QUARREL Over Olympics

Dublin, June 2.

The Irish Olympic Council, by a majority of seven votes, have refused to sanction the entry of any of the 26 County Organisations in Eire to the Olympic Games.

The Amateur Athletic Union of Eire, whose jurisdiction several well-known athletes compete, have intimated that they will seek a higher authority to have their Olympic entry passed. When a few weeks ago the Council pressed for an all-Irish Olympic team, the President of the International Olympic Committee, Mr. Sigfrid Edstrom, ruled that competitors having Northern Ireland status could represent only Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the Games.—Reuter.

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AUSTRALIANS HUMBLD BY HANTS' BOWLERS SKITTLED OUT ON EASY WICKET

Southampton, June 3.

The Australian tourists were sensationally dismissed for 117 runs by Hampshire in their first innings this morning. By lunch time, Hampshire had made five runs for no wicket in their second innings.

The Australians at one period lost three wickets for one run. Only Keith Miller, opening his shoulders, tackled the bowling with any confidence on a wicket responding to spin.

He hit Knott, an off-spin bowler, for four sixes in one over, three of which were off successive balls. Knott had his revenge by bowling him in the same over when he was trying another big hit.

It was the off-spinner of Knott and the left-arm slow of Bailey that did the damage. The fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth wickets all fell within a space of 7 runs.

Hussett, Miller, Loxton and Ian Johnston went for an additional 42 runs in half an hour. Hussett was out trying to leg sweep Knott at 70 and Loxton was leg before to Bailey—one run later.

Miller went at 91, and five runs later Bailey beat Ian Johnston. A heavy shower then drove the players to the pavilion for a brief stoppage.

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AMBASSADORS RECALLED

London, June 2.

A spokesman for the official Yugoslav News Agency said today the Belgrade Government has recalled its Ambassadors from London and Ankara.

The Agency spokesman could not clarify immediately whether the two Ambassadors have been recalled for routine consultations or withdrawn by their Government.—Associated Press.

STUDENTS BRAWL IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, June 3.

Fist fights broke out on the campus of the American-sponsored St. John's University here as the school declared a week's holiday in an attempt to stop anti-American demonstrations.

Students of the popularly elected Student Council were beaten by "special agents" opposing a rally denouncing the United States policy of restoring Japan.

The students had held an exhibition of posters savagely attacking United States actions in Japan and critical of the Chinese Government.

Some of them exhibited a picture of Chu Teh, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Communist armies.

Most Shanghai Chinese newspapers have criticised the student anti-American programme, but at the same time nearly all of them are publishing editorials critical of American policy in Japan.

The newspapers say the United States, in restoring Japan to her pre-war economic level, is giving her an opportunity to become dominant in Asia's markets.

The next step would be a return to her policy of aggression which brought the United States into the war, they say.

Student demonstrations against the Japan policy have been in motion for more than a week. Similar protests are being held in University centres throughout the country.

Some newspapers are asking that force be used to stop them, adding that if any students are shot to death, they will be Communists anyway.—Associated Press.

LIKELY TO BRING THE HOUSE DOWN

Manila, June 2.

Sporting hangouts here are buzzing with talk about a 28-year-old Filipino housepainter who, it is claimed, may be one of the greatest weightlifters that ever lived.

He is Rodrigo del Rosario, a short, squat 132-pounder with muscles like pythons.

He won the national flyweight championship at Cebu by lifting a total of 712.2 pounds in three tries—almost 25 pounds more than the Olympic record of 688.5.

The feat outdid contestants in four heavier classes.

Philippine selections for the London Olympic Games will be made this month, but Del Rosario is assured of a berth on the 30-man squad.

"He is the most spectacular weightlifter in the Philippines," says a local sportsman.

He has been seen here in years," said Dr. R. R. Ylanan, secretary of the Philippine Olympic Committee. "He will go to London all right. And then watch his smoke."

The Olympic Committee is keeping a watchful eye on the fabulous housepainter. They have got him a job working on the grounds of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation. Five nights a week, after working hours, he practices at a neighbourhood gymnasium, before going home to his wife and two children.—United Press.